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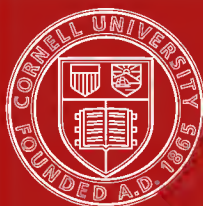
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LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

Gov. C. C. Carpenter :

SIR:—Having completed our labors as Commissioners under Chapter VII., Private, Local, and Temporary Laws of the Fourteenth General Assembly, we herewith submit the information we have gathered in conformity to the provisions of said act.

In order to a full understanding of this subject, so far as our duties are concerned, we copy so much of the law as governed our action, as follows :

“SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby, empowered and required to appoint a commission of three to make a report showing the name of the claimant, a description of the land claimed, the improvements thereon, their value, the value of each tract of land, the date of the homestead, pre-emption, or purchase, as the case may be, the losses sustained by each claimant, and such other facts as they shall deem important, of all persons who have made improvements upon what are known as Des Moines River Lands, and have sustained or will sustain loss by reason of the decisions of the courts in favor of the title of the Des Moines Navigation and R. R. Company, or their grantees.

“SEC. 2. Said commission shall give notice in two newspapers in the county where such lands are situate, of the time and place of their meeting in each county, at least two weeks before the time of such meeting, and shall report to the Governor before the first day of August next, and as soon as possible after their appointment ; and, when such report is made, the same shall be printed, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Senators and Representatives of Iowa in Congress, with a memorial asking for relief for such settlers who have lost their lands or claims as aforesaid ; and said commissioners shall have power severally to administer oaths to such claimants and their witnesses, and said commission shall have power to compel their attendance in cases where they shall deem necessary, and such claimants and their witnesses shall be produced and their evidence taken without any pay for mileage or witness fees ; and any person desiring to make application for relief under this act, shall furnish the proof of his claim before the first day of June next.”

In accordance with the above provisions, we gave the required notices, and held sessions in the several counties of Webster, Humboldt, Boone, Polk, Dallas, and Hamilton.

For the purpose of securing as full and fair a statement of facts as the circumstances would permit, and without causing unnecessary trouble and expense to the settlers, we required each claimant to make a sworn statement of all particulars connected with his settlement upon the land, to be supported by the affidavits of two witnesses of known integrity, in no way interested in the claim, or in any like question, and not related to the claimant. These witnesses also appraised the land and the improvements. This evidence, which is quite voluminous, was reduced to writing by us in form to be preserved. From this evidence, together with our personal knowledge, we have compiled our report.

As a basis for ascertaining the losses the settlers "have sustained or will sustain by reason of the decisions of the courts in favor of the title of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, or their grantees," we value the land at its present fair market price without improvements; those who have completed their purchase, and made full payment, will lose that sum, while those who hold pre-emptions will lose that amount less \$1.25 per acre. For instance, Stephen Maher, of Webster county, has a patent from the United States for 160 acres, valued at \$1648. His losses, *from a legal-stand point*, will amount to that sum.

After completing the testimony, we classified the claims, with a view to setting forth their strictly legal *status*, in the following order :

CLASS I.

Claims based upon a title from the United States by patent, or duplicate, together with school titles and railroad titles.

CLASS II.

All claims based upon declaratory statements filed in the proper office.

CLASS III.

Claims based upon settlement alone made prior to January 1, 1869.

CLASS IV.

Claims based upon settlement alone, made after January 1, 1869, and prior to June 1, 1870.

CLASS V.

All claims not included in any of the above classes.

We can conceive of no great difference in the equitable merits of those included in the first four subdivisions. The fifth class includes many persons who hold under parties who would have been included in the second, third, or fourth classes, had they still retained possession. Many of those comprised in the fifth class have made settlements since the decision of the courts adverse to the government title. Since that date the United States have not claimed the right to dispose of these lands, and such settlements have been in no manner authorized or recognized by any officer of the government.

Two modes have been suggested through which to seek relief for these settlers—as follows :

1. That Congress shall be asked to purchase the outstanding title for the use of the settlers ; and
2. To give directly to the settler any indemnity that may be awarded, upon his executing the proper releases to the government.

The first course is founded upon strict justice, and finds many precedents in the past action of Congress. In the Yazoo case, arising in the State of Mississippi, in 1814, the United States purchased the title for the use of the settlers at a cost of \$5,000,000. (3 *U. S. Statutes at Large*, p. 116.) The same action was had in a case arising in Ohio, in 1824, in which Congress, upon the report of a commission, appropriated nearly \$100,000 for the same object as above stated. (4 *U. S. Statutes at Large*, pp. 70 and 405.) In 1820, Congress passed a similar bill for the relief of Philip Barbour. (6 *U. S. Statutes at Large*, p. 236). Numerous other instances occur wherein the government has purchased the superior title for the purpose of quieting and confirming the title of the actual settler. In the cases cited, however, there were only single claimants back of the settler, while in the present

instance the difficulties are enhanced by the facts, that the lands have not only passed into the hands of third parties, but that conflicting claims have been set up, and suits instituted by railroad companies, who claim the title under Congressional land-grants. In some cases the owners decline to set any price upon their lands. Some tracts in the vicinity of populous towns, or underlaid with coal, are held at very high prices; while others belong to minors, incompetent to convey at the present time. We recite these facts in order that the obstacles in the way may be fully comprehended preparatory to any further action in the premises.

By the other mode—that of giving a cash indemnity—while it would be less complicated, and therefore more easily secured,—but partial justice would be done the claimant, for the reason that a money consideration is an inadequate compensation for the numberless surroundings of one's own home.

These people have acted in good faith in the effort to secure homes for themselves and their families. They have spent years of earnest toil, aside from the investment of all their means. In this course they have walked in the light of the counsel they have received from the authorities of the State and nation. With patents of the United States as their muniment of title, they have been turned out of their homes by the strong arm of the law. Some have been imprisoned because they have not obeyed the decrees of the courts to give possession. Several hundred suits are now pending in the State and Federal courts against the settlers, all of which, under the rule in the case of *William B. Welles v. Hannah Riley*, (U. S. Sup. Court, December Term, 1869,) must be decided in favor of the plaintiffs, and these unfortunate people rendered homeless.

It does not come within the scope of our duties, under the law of last winter, to recite the story, or attempt to unravel the historical, legal, and legislative complications which surround this subject. We may, however, be permitted to state that this question of disputed titles in the Des Moines valley has been for years the source not only of great injustice to a large number of meritorious settlers—the hardy pioneers, who led the way in opening the country to civilization—but a most serious drawback upon the growing interests of one of the richest and most fertile

sections of the West. Justice to individuals—and the State cannot quietly allow injustice to be done her humblest citizen,—as well as the pervading desire for the progress and welfare of all sections of our commonwealth, alike justify the wisdom of this effort by the State, as proposed in your Inaugural Address, and so promptly provided for by legislative enactment.

The settlers are deserving of high commendation, because up to this time, in the face of efforts to wrest from them their homes—their all,—they have pursued peaceable courses, and refrained from those acts of violence which have been almost invariably witnessed in other cases where land titles have been long in dispute, and where the visits of the sheriff and the federal marshal are of frequent occurrence. They are patiently biding their time, in the earnest belief that the accumulated wrongs of years will be fully atoned for by the government, which invited them to come and occupy and make for themselves homes upon these lands. The United States would not for an instant tolerate another country in act of injustice toward one of their citizens, and upon several occasions we have narrowly escaped foreign war, because a single man had suffered a wrong. Can the government, in its dealings with its own people, do less than it would require at the hands of another nation?

We have taken steps to bring this matter to the attention of Congress, in which effort we have been heartily seconded by the entire delegation from this State.

In view of the precedents we have cited, as well as the intrinsic justice of the cause of the settlers, there would seem to be little doubt that some just measure of relief will be secured, as soon as the subject becomes fully understood by Congress.

With this brief explanation, we respectfully submit the facts which we have obtained in accordance with the law creating the commission.

NORMAN H. HART,
JOHN A. HULL,
CHA'S ALDRICH,

Commissioners Des Moines River Lands.

REPORT UPON CLAIMS OF SETTLERS

ON THE

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

FIRST CLASS.

NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of Improvements.	Value of Improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
Albee, H. C.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se $\frac{1}{4}$	11 88 28			80	Good	\$1132	\$800	Grantee U. S. patent.	May 1869	May 1853, 1859		\$ 800		1
Armstrong, Peter	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se $\frac{1}{4}$	28 82 25			80	Good	1153	800	Grantee of C & M R R Co	May 1865	Dec. 1859, 1864		800		1
Anderson, John	se of ne	23 82 26			40	Medium	923	240	"	May 1865					1
Allcorn, Robert	se of ne	13 87 27			40	Medium	659	320	U. S. Pre-emption	Nov. 1868	May 1860		240	Sued	3
Allen, E. (estate of)	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw and lot no. 2								State deed	Nov. 1854			320		3
Aldrich, Maria	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	7 87 27			129.90	Poor	262	1299	U. S. duplicate	July 1866	October 1853		1299	Sued	8
Allison, Isaac M.	lot 2 and nw of se	9 87 26			80	Very good	1077	480	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	Jan. 1871	Jan 1853, 1871		480	Sued	3
Arne, Ole A.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ nw of ne, & ne of nw	31 84 26			93	Light	224	1168	U. S. patent.	May 1865	Febr'y 1864		1163	Sued	2
Allen, J. T.	nw of nw	31 82 26			160	Good	1370	1600	Grantee of C R & M R R Co	Apr. 1867	April 1867		1600		2
Alexander, J. F.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	15 85 27			40	Fair	174	280	"	Feb. 1865	Febr'y 1865		280	Sued	2
Alexander, J. F.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	27 85 26			160	Good	1340	2008	"	"	March 1869	Bo't.	2008	Sued	1
Barquist, Jno	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	27 85 26			160	Good	1832	2008	"	"	April 1866	Bo't.	2008	Sued	1
Barrett, Enos	sw of ne	23 86 27			160	Very good.	5741	800	U. S. patent.	June 1866	Sept. 1860		800	Sued	1
Ballard, Jno. D.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se $\frac{1}{4}$ and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw $\frac{1}{4}$	11 88 26			40	Medium	539	630	Grantee of C R & M R R Co	Feb. 1865	Febr'y 1865		630	Sued	1
		31 87 26			151.62	Very good.	410	1516	U. S. duplicate Grantee of State deed	July 1868 Aug. 1865	October 1855		1516	Sued	1

REPORT UPON CLAIMS OF SETTLERS

Report upon Claims of Settlers on the Des Moines River Lands.—First Class.—Continued.

NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation	No. of book.
Blake, James M.	ne of nw and nw of ne	19 87 26			80	Medium.	\$ 845	\$ 400	Grantee U. S. duplicate.	Aug. 1870	August. 1870	.....	\$ 400	.....	1
Bone, Joseph.	se ¼	7 87 26			160	Fair	1200	1130	State deed.	May 1870	Oct. 1853	.....	1130	Sued	1
Brewer, Francis.	e ¼ and sw of se, and se of sw	27 88 27			160	Very good.	2774	1600	U. S. patent	Nov. 1862	April 1856	.....	1600	.....	2
Barger, A.	nw ¼	31 88 27			141.92	Very good.	4114	1692	U. S. duplicate	Oct. 1865	.....	.....	1692	Sued	2
Birdsall, Jesse.	w ¼ of ne ¼	7 81 25			80	"	829	960	State deed	May 1859	April 1854	.....	1692	.....	2
Bennett, Hiram.	se of se	5 84 26			40	Good	540	600	Grantee of C R & M R R Co	Apr. 1867	April 1867	Bo t.	960	.....	2
Bolle, Lewis.	ne of ne.	33 82 25			40	Very good.	8327	320	D. S. for homestead.	Mar. 1868	August 1864	.....	600	.....	2
Bennett, E. H.	sw of ne.	1 82 26			40	"	1035	400	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	July 1868	March 1867	.....	320	Sued	2
Burke, M. L.	nw of sw.	1 82 26			40	Fair.	690	320	U. S. duplicate.	June 1865	March 1865	Bo t.	400	"	2
Brien, Jno.	sw of nw and nw of sw	7 90 28			80 27	Good	928	602	Grantee of Iowa Home'd Co.	Oct. 1864	Mar. 1855	.....	602	.....	3
Bard, G. W.	n ¼ of se.	13 87 27			80	"	1224	640	Grantee U S patent.	June 1866	Mar. 1849	.....	640	.....	3
*Beech, Isaac H.	ne ¼	9 87 28			160	"	1230	1920	U. S. patent.	Nov. 1867	March 1859	Bo t.	1920	.....	3
Bass, James	sw ¼	27 87 27			160	Light	428	1130	U. S. duplicate.	Jan. 1867	Decem. 1853	.....	1130	Sued	3
Beil, Isaac, Jr.	ne of nw, and lots 1, 2, and 8.	1 86 27			155	Very good	1270	1860	State duplicate.	Sep. 1853	August 1848	.....	1860	"	3
Burnett, Cyrus	ne ¼	23 86 27			160	"	2430	1440	U. S. patent.	Jan. 1866	October 1856	.....	1440	"	3
"	s ½	23 86 27			820	Good	1280	2380	Grantee of C R & M R R Co	Nov. 1866	Novem. 1857	.....	2380	.....	8
Bennett, Hiram.	ne of sw and nw of se.	19 87 26			80	"	920	360	Grantee of U. S. duplicate.	Nov. 1870	Nov. '53	.....	360	.....	8
Bell, Isaac.	sw of nw.	31 87 26			32	Tim. land.	280	320	State duplicate	Sep. 1853	.....	.....	320	.....	3
Brooks, Cyrus	sw of sw.	11 84 27			40	Fair.	320	320	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	Dec. 1866	Decem. 1866	.....	320	Sued	4
Batten, Herbert.	sw ¼	3 83 27			160	Good.	1589	1280	U. S. patent.	July 1868	October 1857	.....	1280	"	4
Barnson, Erick.	nw of ne	7 90 28			40	Light	**	400	Grantee of Iowa Home'd Co.	Oct. 1864	July 1863	.....	400	.....	2
+Bushnell, D. W.	w ¼ of ne	25 88 26			80	Good	823	640	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	Apr. 1868	April 1868	Bo t.	640	.....	2
Barnes, S. K.	sw ¼	13 88 28			160	"	2400	1600	State deed	June 1854	June 1854	.....	1600	Sued	2
Crilly, George.	se ¼	23 86 28			160	Very good	3273	3200	U. S. patent.	Sep. 1863	August 1855	.....	3200	"	1
Crouse, Jacob.	nw frac. ¼	8 88 28			200	"	2196	2400	U. S. pre-emption.	Mar. 1867	Mar. 1855	Bo t.	2400	.....	1
									Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.						

Crouse, R. E.	nw of nw	15 38 28	40	Tim. land	54	300 U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1865	1859	300	1
Cassell, C. J.	nw 1/4	20 32 25	160	Medium	563	Grantee Iowa Homestead Co.	"	1865	1600	1
Clark, A. B.	n part of w 1/2 of nw frac. 1/4	7 37 26	20	Ex. good	1239	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	June 1865	1865	240	1
Corbin, James	nw of nw	13 34 27	40	Tim. land	400	Grantee of State deed	Aug. 1868	Aug. 1868	400	2
Gline, G. W.	ne 1/4	15 34 27	160	Good	2700	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	Feb. 1865	Feb. 1865	400	2
Gline, A. M.	nw 1/4	15 34 27	160	Good	2590	Grantee U. S. patent	July 1866	August 1866	1600	2
Carson, J. M.	s 1/2 of ne 1/4 and se 1/4 of nw and nw of se	9 35 27	160	Very good	3817	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	June 1865	June 1865	1380	2
Carson, W. R.	w 1/2 of nw	9 35 27	80	"	847	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	Aug. 1868	August 1868	1000	2
Crosby, Jno	nw of ne	13 38 28	40	"	1019	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	May 1867	Dec. 1861	560	2
Cotter, Thos.	se 1/4	9 38 28	160	"	3000	U. S. duplicate	May 1867	May 1865	400	3
Collins, Thos.	ne 1/4	17 38 28	160	"	2270	U. S. duplicate	Nov. 1868	October 1863	1600	3
Callahan, Bernard	se of ne and lots nos. 1 and 2	27 32 28	156.38	Fair	1023	U. S. homestead	"	July 1861	1600	3
Corbin, J. C.	ne of nw	17 37 26	40	"	266	Grantee of U. S. patent	Feb. 1868	April 1860	1876	3
Casterline, B. M.	s 1/2 of se and lots nos. 7 and 8	1 38 29	174.53	Poor	518	U. S. patent	June 1865	June 1865	180	3
Crowley, Martha	se of se	11 33 27	40	Good	655	U. S. duplicate	Jan. 1865	May 1856	2388	3
Diericht, Christ'n	s 1/2 of nw	1 37 25	80	Very good	2275	U. S. duplicate	Dec. 1861	Dec. 1851	480	2
Dougherty, Jas, sr	sw 1/4	11 38 29	160	Good	1550	Grantee Iowa Homestead Co.	Ang. 1866	Oct. 1851	1600	4
Doran, Geo.	ne of sw	35 34 26	40	Medium	405	Grantee of C R & M R R Co.	Sept. 1866	July 1867	1600	1
Doane, Isaiah	ow of ne	7 37 26	40	Good	619	Grantee of State contract	June 1866	June 1866	880	1
Dawson, Jane	sw frac 1/4	7 35 26	146.14	Light	500	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	Sept. 1858	Apr. 1853	889	1
Dewitt, Geo.	s 1/2 of nw 1/4	35 38 27	80	Good	577	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	Sept. 1858	Apr. 1853	889	1
Dowd, Alex, sen.	ne 1/4	19 36 27	156.15	Good	2484	Grantee of U. S. patent	Mar. 1865	Sept. 1865	1835	2
Dowd, Benj. F.	ne 1/4	19 36 27	160	Fair	1093	Grantee of U. S. patent	Apr. 1867	Apr. 1855	1857	2
Delander, Erick	se of se	23 32 26	40	Light	2000	Grantee of C R & M R R Co.	Oct. 1865	October 1865	1120	2
Daily, Esau	n 1/2 of ne 1/4	11 34 27	50	Good	1233	U. S. duplicate	Sept. 1865	Sept. 1865	320	2
Erickson, Catherine	nw 1/4	23 36 28	160	"	1324	U. S. duplicate	Mar. 1866	March 1867	400	2
Earley, William	ne 1/4	7 38 28	153	"	3088	U. S. duplicate	Sept. 1867	1869	1200	1
Emmons, Amasa	ne of ne	13 38 29	40	"	883	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1862	May 1856	1600	1
Enfield, William	e 1/2 of sw 1/4	11 33 27	80	Common	572	Grantee of Iowa Homestead Co.	Nov. 1866	1864	440	1
Ellis, Thomas	s 1/2 se and s 1/2 of sw	35 38 27	160	Good	1072	Grantee of C R & M R R Co.	Feb. 1865	April 1864	960	2
Ellis, Jno. W.	s 1/2 of n 1/2 of sw 1/4	35 38 27	40	Very good	1600	U. S. patent	June 1868	Sept. 1858	1600	2
Ellis, Benjamin	n 1/2 of nw	35 38 27	80	Good	1075	U. S. duplicate	Sept. 1865	June 1858	400	2
Eslick, Theodoros	e 1/2 of sw	13 37 27	80	"	1417	Grantee of U. S. patent	Jan. 1866	June 1855	800	2
Fye, John	e 1/2 of ne 1/4	11 37 27	80	Medium	1069	Grantee of U. S. patent	Jan. 1866	Jan. 1851	640	2
						Grantee of State deed	1864	1864	640	1

* Bought of William B. Wells.

† Bought of E. C. Litchfield.

and lot no. 2. ‡ Estimated at \$10 as farming, and \$70 additional per acre as coal land. § Adverse title bought on se of ne

** See second class

Report upon Claims of Settlers on the Des Moines River Lands.—First Class—Continued.

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Foster, Jno.....	s ½ of sw of se ¼ of se and n ½ of nw	11 88 28	20	Very good.	\$950	\$200	Grantee of U. S. patent.	Nov. 1866	Nov. 1861, 1866			\$200	Sued	1
Fry, Henry.....	w ½ of se and n ½ of nw	35 84 26	120	"	4135	2040	{ Grantee C R & M R R Co. U. S. pre-emption	Feb. 1867 Apr. 1867	Feb. 1867	Bo't.	.....	2040	.....	1
Fisher, Henry.....	w ½ of se and n ½ of nw	15 87 26	160	Good.....	1220	1040	State deed.....	Oct. 1869	Oct. 1863, 1862	.....	.....	1040	Sued	1
"	n part of ne of nw	23 87 26	30	Timb. land	.....	240	Grantee of U. S. patent.....	1866	1866	.....	.....	240	.....	1
Fisher, Elizabeth..	n ½ of se of nw, w ½ of w ½ of sw of ne, and s ½ of s ½ of ne of nw	15 87 26	40	Good.....	1167	326	U. S. patent.....	June 1866	1857	.....	.....	326	Sued	1
Fallon, Sam'l and Henry.....	part of lot no. 2.	15 87 26	18	Tim. land..	.....	500	Grantee of Iowa Home'd Co.	Feb. 1866	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	2
Gustafson, Chas. A	n ½ of sw and w ½ of nw ¼	33 86 27	160	Very good.	4384	1280	U. S. patent.....	Nov. 1863	May 1856	.....	.....	1280	Sued	2
Gabrielson, Jno.....	se ¼ of nw ¼	11 86 28	160	"	1240	1280	U. S. duplicate.....	Sep. 1866	June 1861	.....	.....	1280	.....	2
*Goss, Geo. C.....	w ½ of se and e ½ of sw	31 88 27	160	Very good	4211	1000	{ State deed..... U. S. patent.....	Oct. 1853	October 1858	.....	.....	1000	Sued	2
+Greensides, M. E.	se of ne and ne of se	13 88 29	80	Good.....	1201	880	Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.....	Sept. 1870	Sep. 1867, 1870	.....	.....	880	.....	1
Gilden, Elizabeth.	nw of sw.....	13 88 26	40	Medium.....	571	400	Grantee of C R & M R R Co.	1866	June 1863	.....	.....	400	.....	1
Green, Richard...	se of nw.....	35 85 27	40	Good.....	742	400	U. S. pre-emption.....	July 1865	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Goodwin, J. B.....	sw ¼ of ne.....	21 85 26	160	Poor.....	330	1440	U. S. patent.....	June 1868	July 1865	.....	.....	400	.....	1
Gaylor, Martha...	w ½ of ne.....	7 87 27	80	Fair.....	858	640	State deed.....	Apr. 1865	October 1853	.....	Bo't.	1440	Sued	1
Greensides, B.....	ne of ne.....	23 88 29	40	Light.....	181	230	Grantee of D & S C R Co.....	Oct. 1869	Oct. 1869	.....	.....	640	.....	3
Gleason, Michael..	sw ¼ of ne.....	9 88 28	160	Fair.....	1280	1760	U. S. pre-emption.....	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1863, 1869	.....	.....	280	.....	3
Grisby, J. H.....	nw of sw.....	15 81 25	40	Common.....	469	520	Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.....	Oct. 1864	Sept. 1857	.....	.....	1760	Sued	3
Gardner, Alpha...	w ½ of sw.....	12 86 28	80	Very good.	2565	720	U. S. homestead.....	June 1865	May 1868	.....	Bo't.	520	"	3
Gardner, Willis A.	e ½ of sw.....	13 86 28	80	Fair.....	423	560	Grantee of U. S. patent.....	Sep. 1868	Sept. 1868	.....	.....	720	.....	2
Gillet, C. Mrs.....	nw of nw.....	9 84 26	40	Very good.	1019	500	"	July 1871	April 1870	.....	.....	500	.....	2
Hefner, Samuel...	n ½ of nw and n ½ ne.....	27 88 27	160	Poor.....	502	1280	Grantee C R & M R R Co.....	Apr. 1865	March 1859	.....	.....	500	.....	1
							U. S. patent.....	Nov, 1868	Nov. 1855	.....	.....	1280	.....	1

Hedien, John.....	ne 1/4	32 86 28 160	Medium.....	972	1280 U. S. patent.	J'ne 1866	1866	.....	\$1280 Sued	1
†Hues, James.....	w 1/2 of ne.....	3 88 28 99 75	Good.....	1217	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1866	.....	.....	.....	1
Haney, W. J.....	s 1/2 of ne.....	27 85 25 80	Medium.....	601	Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.	May 1866	May 1853 1866	.....	1147	1
Hoffman, Mathias.....	ne of se.....	23 83 26 40	Poor.....	277	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	May 1868	1868	Bo't	960	1
Hook, Wm, M.....	n 1/2 of sw and n 1/2	81 87 26 151 87	Very good.....	2636	"	May 1863	1854	.....	480 Sued	1
Hughson, Levi F.....	se.....	7 87 26 40	Good.....	726	{ U. S. duplicate.	July 1866	October 1854	.....	1517 Sued	1
Hiatt, R. J. and	ne of nw.....	25 88 28 80	Light.....	420	{ Grantee of State deed.	Oct. 1854	Feb. 1872 Feb 1853 1872	.....	240	1
Henshaw, C. C.....	w 1/2 of se.....	25 88 28 80	Light.....	420	"	July 1870	.....	.....	1000	2
Hurlburt, J. B.....	sw of nw.....	25 83 26 40	Common.....	205	Grantee C R & M R R Co.	July 1866	1866	Bo't.	960	2
Holeson, Wm.....	sw of se.....	11 83 26 40	Very good.....	1620	U. S. patent.	July 1866	May 1847	.....	400 Sued	2
Haverly, LeRoy.....	n 1/2 of ne.....	35 88 27 80	Light.....	175	Grantee U. S. duplicate.	May 1866	.....	.....	480	2
Hodgson, Geo.....	n 1/2 of n 1/2 of sw.....	35 88 27 40	Very good	917	"	Nov. 1866	1855	.....	400 Sued	3
Humphreys, Della.....	w 1/2 of sw and lot	1 87 28 145 30	Light.....	210	U. S. duplicate.	Nov. 1866	1855	.....	1450	3
Howley, Mary.....	nw of sw.....	17 88 26 40	.....	.....	400 State duplicate.	Sep. 1853	Septem. 1853	.....	400	3
Hart, L. W.....	w 1/2 of nw and nw	21 88 28 120	Good.....	858	U. S. patent.	June 1865	June 1854	.....	960 Sued	3
Hale, Oliver.....	sw of sw.....	21 88 28 40	"	874	Grantee of U. S. patent	Oct. 1867	Oct. 1854 1867	.....	320 Sued	3
Hale, Oliver, Sen.....	e 1/2 of nw.....	21 88 28 80	Common ..	520	Grantee of Iowa Home'd Co.	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869	.....	560	3
(estate of).....	se of sw.....	27 80 24 40	Good.....	732	Grantee of U. S. patent.	J'ne 1866	June 1848 1866	Bo't.	800 Sued	3
Harvey, H. N.....	n 1/2 of sw.....	19 87 26 40	Poor.....	215	Grantee of State deed	Oct. 1865	Oct. 1852 1865	.....	153	3
Haynes, Jno.....	ne of nw and nw	31 87 26 80	Common ..	339	Grantee State contract.....	Mar. 1872	March 1872	.....	400	4
Hook, Sarah A.....	of ne.....	1 87 26 80	Good.....	2647	U. S. duplicate.....	Aug. 1866	1851	Bo't.	2650 Sued	4
†Hunt, Jeremiah.....	n 1/4 of nw fr 1/4	1 79 25 132	Good.....	309	"	April 1851	.....	.....	800 Sued	4
Hunt, Samuel.....	and nw of ne.....	35 80 25 80	Common ..	1391	"	"	May 1856	.....	775 Sued	1
Holloway, Hamp- ton.....	w 1/2 of ne.....	21 87 27 155	Good.....	3639	{ U. S. patent.	June 1866	March 1851	.....	1000 Sued	1
Johnson, Andrew.....	sw of nw and sw	23 86 27 200	Very good.....	580	{ Grantee C R & M R R Co	Oct. 1869	1864	.....	1008	1
Johnson, Jacob.....	1/4.....	27 87 26 140 28	Light.....	1500	State patent.....	Oct. 1866	October 1866	.....	800	2
Jameson, Wm.....	n 1/2 of sw.....	27 88 27 80	Very good.....	832	Grantee of U. S. patent	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Jenkins, James.....	e 1/2 of ne and e 1/2	9 81 25 160	Fair.....	284	U. S. patent.....	.....	Feb. 1861	.....	1280 Sued	2
Johnson, Wm. H.....	of se.....	7 89 28 10	Good.....	1075	Grantee of Iowa Home'd Co.	May 1869	May 1869	.....	150	3
Jaques, J. P.....	n 1/2 of n 1/2 of lot	21 88 27 80	Very good	.....	640 Claim.....	June 1866	June 1866	Bo't.	640 Sued	3
Johnson, J. A.....	w 1/2 of ne.....	11 86 27 40	Tim. land.....	.....	280 Grantee of State deed.	May 1866	Nv. '53 My. '66	.....	280	3
Johnson, J. A.....	nw of sw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3

* Tax title on w 1/2 of se, December, 1864; State deed on se of sw and w 1/2 of se. † Adverse title, on se of ne bought of Litchfield.

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Johnson, A. W.	s part of lot 6	27 86 27	10	Tim. land.		\$250	Grantee of U. S. patent		Nov. 1867	Ja. '63 Nov. '57		\$250		3
Jacobs, William	sw of ne and e ½	95 81 26	120	Good	.....	\$974	U. S. patent	.....	Dec. 1866	October, 1853	Bo't.	720	Sued	8
Kempsey, John	ne ¼	5 88 23	200.53	Very good.	.....	4237	U. S. pre-emption	.....	Nov. 1865	Ang. 1854, 1864	.....	2400	Sued	1
Kelly, W. F.	se of se ¼	23 88 27	40	Poor	.....	214	U. S. pre-emption	.....	June 1865	June	.....	200	.....	1
Kirkendall, Uriah.	e ½ of se	17 84 27	80	Fair	.....	425	Homestead.	.....	June 1865	"	.....	960	Sued	2
Kendell, B.	lots 5 and 6 and sw ¼.	1 88 20	255.06	Poor.	.....	335	Grantee of Iowa Home Co.	.....	Oct. 1865	"	.....	3060	.....	3
Low, Asa.	e ½ of sw.	25 88 25	80	Medium	.....	727	Grantee of D & S C R R Co.	.....	Mar. 1865	"	.....	1000	.....	1
Lucy, Jeremiah	e ½ sw.	23 86 26	80	"	.....	840	Grantee of State deed	.....	Feb. 1866	Feb.	.....	1000	Sued	1
Low, W. G.	ne of nw.	27 87 27	40	Poor.	.....	370	Grantee of C R & M R R.	.....	Oct. 1865	October 1865	Bo't.	1000	Sued	1
*Lathrop, Elisba.	n ½ of s ½ of lot no. 4.	7 89 28	10	Extra good	.....	2900	720 U. S. duplicate, can.	.....	Oct. 1865	Feb.	.....	720	Sued	1
Linerode, J. D.	e ½ of ne.	19 83 25	80	Good	.....	724	Grantee of Iowa Home Co.	.....	Aug. 1870	August	.....	1100	.....	2
Lucas, Hiram.	ne of ne.	11 83 26	46	Fair	.....	370	Grantee of C R & M R R Co.	.....	Apr. 1867	Apr. 1867	Bo't.	720	.....	2
Luther, M.	se of nw.	13 82 26	40	"	.....	645	U. S. pre-emption	.....	June 1868	April	.....	630	Sued	2
Lee, A. A.	n ½ of se.	29 82 27	160	Good	.....	811	Grantee of C R & M R R.	.....	Mar. 1867	March	.....	230	Sued	2
Lurch, Hans.	e ½ of sw.	13 84 23	80	Very good.	.....	3394	U. S. pre-emption	.....	June 1868	March	.....	1480	.....	2
†Lingman, Peter.	lot no. 4, and nw of nw.	1 86 27	88	"	.....	1200	Grantee of C R & M R R.	.....	Apr. 1867	April	.....	960	.....	2
†Lindberg, J.	ne ¼.	35 86 27	160	"	.....	1731	Grantee of State deed	.....	May 1866	June	.....	180	Sued	3
Lawrence, Mrs. M.	s ½ of se.	35 86 27	40	Poor.	.....	15	Chalm.	.....	Oct. 1870	Oct. 1848, 1870	Bo't.	1830	Sued	3
Lane, J. R.	s ½ of sw and lot no. 5.	21 86 27	131.66	"	.....	151	U. S. duplicate	.....	July 1866	April 1864	"	1830	Sued	3
"	sw of sw.	33 86 27	40	Fair	.....	372	U. S. pre-emption	.....	Oct. 1866	Sept.	.....	400	.....	3
Lowe, V. E.	sw of nw.	27 87 27	40	Good	.....	380	Grantee of C R & M R R Co	.....	June 1866	July	.....	1184	Sued	3
†Lamb, A. J.	nw ¼.	9 84 27	161	Very good.	.....	1177	Grantee of U. S. duplicate	.....	May 1868	June	.....	360	Sued	3
Linn, Peter	lot 8.	3 85 27	40.20	Light		242	Homestead		July 1866	Sept.		1600		3
						482	U. S. patent		June 1866	April 1862	Bo't.	482	"	3

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McKinney, W. W.	e ½ & sw of ne & se of nw.	31	87	26	160	Very good.	\$2248	\$800	{ U. S. pre-emption. State deed.	Oct. 1866 Jan. 1854	August 1852		\$800	Sued	4
Myers, Edward	se ¼	29	85	27	160	Fair	1766	1600	Grantee C R & M R R R.	Apr. 1864 Sept. 1865	Sept. 1865	.....	1600	Sued	4
Milner, Jacob	lots nos. 6 and 7.	17	83	26	94	Good	774	1128	U. S. patent.	Feb. 1867	March 1863	.....	1128	Sued	4
*Murry, Larkin	w ½ of se.	9	80	25	80	Good	900	1200	Grantee U. S. duplicate.	Oct. 1866	Oct. 1858, 1866	Bo't.	1200	Sued	4
†Mitchell, I. J.	sw of nw, and nw and s ½ of sw, and w ½ of w ½ of ne or sw.	85	85	27	170	Medium	.....	1602	Grantee of C R & M R R R.	Feb. 1865	Feb. 1865	.....	1602	.....	2
Nutt, Philip	sw of sw.	13	83	26	40	Tim. land.	510	320	State deed.	Jan. 1869	June 1863	.....	320	Sued	1
Neese, Geo.	sw of ne.	21	87	26	40	Good	1310	1120	U. S. patent.	Oct. 1869	Nov. "	.....	1120	Sued	1
Neese, Washington	se ¼.	21	87	26	160	Poor	90	100	State deed.	June 1866	.....	.....	100	Sued	1
"	sw of nw.	21	87	26	40	Very good.	8084	1760	U. S. patent.	Oct. 1869	Jan. 1854	.....	1760	Sued	1
"	sw ¼.	21	87	26	160	.....	.....	.....	State pre-emption.	Oct. 1864	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Nance, James	se of sw.	21	83	25	40	.....	.....	.....	U. S.	Nov. 1868	October 1866	.....	200	.....	2
Norton, F.	e ½ & sw of se.	11	83	26	120	Light	510	1320	Grantee C R & M R R R.	Jan. 1868	Jan. 1866	.....	1320	.....	4
Otto, Wm & Lewis	nw ¼.	17	82	25	160	Very good.	2482	1280	U. S. pre-emption.	Nov. 1868	Feb. 1866	.....	1280	.....	1
Ostrum, Peter	sw ¼.	11	86	28	160	Good	1566	1280	Grantee C R & M R R R Co.	Feb. 1866	Feb. 1861	.....	1280	.....	2
†Owens, Thomas	s ½ of ne and lots 1 and 2.	38	92	28	153.97	.....	.....	.....	U. S. duplicate.	Sept. 1866	June 1861	.....	.....	.....	1
Olson, John P.	15 acres of lot 6.	27	86	27	45	Tim. land.	2271	1648	Homestead.	Feb. 1868	April 1860	Bo't.	1648	.....	3
Olmstead, Levi R.	w ½ of ne of sw.	15	87	26	20	Good	562	120	Grantee U. S. patent.	Dec. 1867	Dec. 1867	.....	170	.....	2
Peterson, Jonas	nw ¼.	7	88	28	154.04	Very good.	3147	1540	U. S. patent.	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1856, 1871	.....	1540	.....	1
Pollard, D. A.	nw ¼.	21	85	26	160	Good	890	1920	U. S. pre-emption.	Apr. 1864	June 1856	.....	1540	.....	1
Paxton, Wm.	lot no. 4, and ne of nw.	17	83	26	10.30	"	1165	635	Grantee C R & M R R R Co.	Nov. 1868	Feb. 1866	Bo't.	1920	.....	1
Peterson, Bodel	n ½ of ne.	21	82	25	80	"	872	640	U. S. patent.	Feb. 1865	" 1865	.....	635	Sued	1
*Payne, J. R.	se of se.	1	83	25	40	Fair	308	600	Grantee C R & M R R R Co.	May 1867	July 1865	.....	640	Sued	1
*Pierce, Newton	nw of nw.	17	82	27	40	Poor	108	400	U. S. pre-emption.	June 1868	May 1867	Bo't.	600	.....	..
Petty, Lucinda	s ½ of sw	15	85	27	80	"	107	520	Grantee C R & M R R R Co.	June 1868	May 1866	Bo't.	400	Sued	2
									U. S. patent.	June 1866	May 1866	.....	520	Sued	2

Peters, James	W ½ of nw	29 90 28	80	Good	1110	640	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868	Mar. 1856	640	8
Pierce, Mrs. Pa-							{ Grantee Iowa Home'd Co...				
melia											
Payne, H. R.	s ½ of se	13 87 27	80	"	1287	640	U. S. patent	J'ne 1868	1851	640	3
Payson & Hudson	sw ¼	9 86 27	160	Very small	40	960	Granttee U S duplicate	Oct. 1869	1866	960	3
" "	ne ¼	21 88 28									
Pierce, Richard, es-	lots 6 and 7	23 88 28	284	9 Fair	900	1664	Granttee Iowa Home'd Co...	1866	1866	1664	3
tate of	ne of sw	9 81 25	40	Common	244	500	Granttee State deed		1850	600	3
Pierce, A.	sw of sw	9 81 25	40	Light	145	500	Homestead	July 1865	1849	500	3
Page, John	se of sw and sw										
	of se	19 87 26	80	Fair	941	360	U S duplicate	Feb. 1867	1860	360	3
Pierce, Joseph	se of nw and ne										
Phillips, Eli	of ne	19 87 26	80	Fair	1053	401	Granttee U S duplicate	1867	1865	400	3
Phelps, Judson	s ½ and se of ne	35 85 27	313.91	Very good	6115	3465	Granttee C R & M R R Co...	Sep.	1859	3465	4
	n ½ of s ½ of lot										
	No 5	7 80 28	10	"	1000	500	Granttee Iowa Home'd Co...	Nov. 1870	1870	500	2
Reiley, William	sw of ne and n ½										
	of ne	33 80 28	120	Good	1818	1000	U S patent	Oct. 1868	1855	1800	1
Rustan, Gustas	e ½ and nw of ne										
	and ne of nw	33 86 27	160	Good	2940	1190	U S patent	Ap'1 1864	1854	1120	1
Rhodes, Mrs. M	s ½ of nw	11 88 28	80	Very good	3361	800	Granttee U S patent	May 1864	1863	800	1
Ryan, John	sw ¼	9 89 28	160	"	2140	1600	Granttee D & S R R Co.	Apr. 1864	1856	1600	2
Ratner, Hannah	ne ¼	33 88 27	160	Fair	1140	1440	U S duplicate, (cancelled)	Aug. 1864	1855	1440	2
Richey, G. T.	nw of sw and lot										
	No. 7	27 86 27	71.80	Light	105	1040	Granttee U S patent	Feb. 1863	1863	1040	2
Richardson, Frank	sw frac ¼ of nw										
	frac ¼ and w fr.	19 85 26	103	Fair	940	1080	U S patent	June 1866	1857	1080	2
Richardson, Jos.	w ½ of ne ¼ and se ¼										
	of ne and ne of	19 85 26	160	Good	1750	920	U S patent	Jan. 1866	1850	920	2
Redpath, Jno.	sw	13 85 27	80	Fair	1086	800	U S duplicate	Nov 1865	1853	800	2
Rule, N.	se of se	13 85 27	80	Poor	135	320	Granttee C R & M R R Co...	Nov 1867	1867	320	2
**Relley, Mrs. H.	nw ¼	33 89 28	160	Very good	2384	3500	U S patent	Oct. 1863	1855	3500	3
Reckard, Stephen	se of ne and ne of										
	se	20 88 27	80	Good	1189	800	Granttee Iowa Home'd Co.	Oct. 1865	1861	800	8
Rowley, Stephen	e ½ of nw and w ½	85 82 27	160	Fair	985	1600	U S duplicate	J'ne 1867	1867	1600	4
	of ne										
Schaffner, Mrs. M.	se ¼	21 89 28	160	None		3200	Granttee Iowa Home'd Co.	Oct 1865		3200	4
Scott, Robert	nw of se and n ½										
	of sw of se	11 88 28	60	Good	2822	600	Granttee U S patent	Aug '71		600	1

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Stivers, Geo. H.	1 87 27	46.53	Common...	354	368	Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.	Oct. 1864	June	1856		368		2
Townsend, B. G.	17 88 27	160	Good.....	1388	1600	"	"	"	"	"	1600	Sued	1
Todd, Geo.	27 92 28	179.80	"	1199	2157	Homestead.....	1868	April	1860	.....	2157	"	3
Thompson, Jno. H.	17 87 26	80	Fair.....	583	400	Grantee U. S. patent.....	Feb. 1871	Feb. 1854	1871	.....	400	"	3
Vigers, Ellen.	25 87 27	302.5	Very good.	3818	3886	State deed...	Dec. 1853	.....	1849	.....	3886	.....	1
"	13 87 27	80	Light.....	913	560	Grantee U. S. patent.....	Mar. 1868	1851	1868	.....	560	.....	2
Weyer, Andrew J.	31 83 26	75.75	Fair.....	730	530	" C R & M R R Co	Sep. 1871	Sep.	1871	.....	530	.....	2
Williams, Michael	33 89 38	40	Good.....	625	500	" U. S. patent.....	Oct. 1868	June	1868	.....	500	Sued	1
Woolsey, W. T.	1 87 27	160	Very good.	5082	1600	State deed.....	Dec. 1854	Aug.	1851	.....	160.	.....	1
"	1 87 27	86.64	Medium...	640	866	Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.	J'ne 1866	Aug.	1851	.....	866	.....	1
Walker, S. S., H. P.	7 88 28	160	Good.....	1934	1440	"	"	"	1870	June 1865	1870	.....	1
& G. W.	29 87 27	160	Medium...	820	96	U. S. duplicate.....	July 1866	April	1855	.....	960	Sued	1
Weekes, E.	17 83 26	51.21	"	497	512	Grantee U. S. patent.....	Sep. 1866	{ Feb. 1855	.....	.....	512	.....	1
Walker, William.	15 87 26	40	Fair.....	305	240	"	Mar. 1868	March	1868	.....	240	Sued	1
Watson, Robert.	9 89 28	160	Good.....	1376	1600	{ U. S. pre-emption.....	J'ne 1868	.....	.....	.....	1600	Sued	2
Weich, B.	11 85 27	180.25	Common...	547	961	{ Grantee Iowa Home'd Co.	J'ne 1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
White, Mathias.	7 85 26	40	"	430	320	{ U. S. pre-emption.....	Oct. 1856	.....	.....	.....	961	"	2
"	17 84 0	40	Light.....	289	600	{ State	Ap'l 1866	Nov.	1849	.....	320	.....	2
Wahl, F.	9 84 26	40	Good.....	198	500	{ Grantee C R & M R R Co.	July 1866	July	1866	.....	600	Sued	2
Wahl, Lawrence.	31 83 25	160	Good.....	2100	1600	U. S. duplicate.....	May	.....	1851	.....	500	"	2
Wait, Luther.	31 83 25	160	Good.....	2100	1600	{ U. S. pre-emption.....	J'ne 1863	.....	.....	.....	1600	.....	2
Wait, J. M.	31 83 25	92.65	"	987	741	{ Grantee C R & M R R Co.	" 1865	June	1865	.....	741	.....	2
Willgus, Robert.	13 88 28	40	Light.....	501	400	U. S. pre-emption.....	" 1868	June	1865	.....	400	.....	3
Weaver, W. R.	5 86 27	80	Good.....	1193	680	Grantee U. S. patent.....	Mar. 1866	{ Aug. 1865	.....	.....	680	Sued	3
Wolfe, Jno.	17 85 27	80	Light.....	264	320	"	J'ne 1865	June	1865	.....	320	.....	3
Williams, Geo. P.	31 87 27	160	Fair.....	463	1256	U. S. duplicate.....	Jan. 1867	August	1864	.....	1256	Sued	3
Wilcox, W. H.	23 83 27	80	Fair.....	564	560	Grantee U. S. duplicate.....	Sep. 1868	{ Oct. 1865			560		3
						{ C R & M R R Co		{ Sept. 1869					3

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Williams, Jesse C.	ne ¼	28	83	27	160	Fair	\$595	\$1280	{ U. S. pre-emption..... { State pre-emption..... { Grantee of C R & M R R R.... { U. S. duplicate.....	Nov. 1868 Oct. 1856 Feb. 1865 June 1865	1853 1859				
Williams, Wesley	w ½ of se and se of se	21	84	27	120	Fair	790	1440			1853 1859	\$1780 1440	Sued Sued	3 4	

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SECOND CLASS.

NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
Adams, J. M.	se $\frac{1}{4}$	31	82	25	160	Good	\$1141	1600	U. S. " Pre-emption	June 1868	June 1868	.....	1440	.....	1
Anderson, N.	nw frac $\frac{1}{4}$	19	88	27	132.50	Common	693	560	Quit Claim Deed.	1867	June 1867	.....	395	.....	2
Applegreene, N. G.	se $\frac{1}{4}$	8	86	28	160	Fair	809	1280	U. S. " Pre-emption	Dec. 1868	June 1868	.....	1080	.....	2
Anderson, Andrew	s $\frac{1}{2}$ and nw of ne	33	82	25	120	Light	448	960	"	June 1868	Aug. 1868	.....	810	.....	2
Anderson, C. J.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	31	82	25	80	Fair	419	840	"	July 1866	July 1866	.....	708	.....	4
Andrews, C. B.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	29	88	28	160	Medium	648	1230	Quit claim deed.	Aug. 1870	Aug. 1870	.....	1080	.....	1
Blesser, Chas.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw and s	21	83	27	420	Fair	781	600	State pre-emption (assigned)	Nov. 1868	June 1868	.....	450	.....	2
Beech, I. E.	w of sw	33	88	28	40	Good	482	230	Quit Claim Deed	July 1871	March 1871	.....	230	Sued	8
Baker, N. W.	sw of ne and nw	25	87	27	100	Good	1140	900	Grantee State Pre-emption	Feb. 1867	My '50 No '65	.....	775	.....	1
Barson, Mollie M.	of se and lot No. 8	3	88	29	203.60	Poor	905	1280	U. S. Pre-emption.	June 1868	June 1868	.....	1626	.....	1
Butler, Henry	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	31	80	28	160	Poor	158	1600	"	Oct. 1868	Oct. 1868	.....	1400	.....	2
Bjarnensen, Erick	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	7	90	28	40	Light	376	400	"	Nov. 1868	July 1868	.....	350	.....	2
Burkhardt, Jacob	sw of ne	23	82	27	80	Common	555	800	Quit Claim Deed	Nov. 1168	Dec. 1865	.....	400	.....	2
	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.								U. S. Pre-emption			.....		.....	

REPORT UPON CLAIMS OF SETTLERS

Report upon Claims of Settlers on the Des Moines River Lands.—Second Class—Continued.

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Bryant, William.	e ½ of se.	31	83	26	80	Common ..	446	640	U. S. pre-emption	June 1866	April 1865		540	Sued	2
Blumberg, A. W.	w ½ of se and e ½ of sw	31	84	27	167	Extra good	4616	2560	" "	June 1868	May 1868	.....	2860	.....	2
Bowman, Daniel.	sw of se and se of sw	9	85	27	80	Fair ..	687	590	" "	June 1868	Aug. 1865	.....	460	.....	2
Brinkerhoff, Bet. A.	sw ¼	15	87	24	160	Light ..	290	1900	Homestead	Feb. 1867	Mar 1853	1866	1400	Sued	3
Bassett, J.	s ½ of se ½	11	83	29	80	Fair ..	639	800	U. S. pre-emption	June 1868	July 1866	.....	700	.....	3
Bean, W. C.	ne ¼	19	87	27	160	Good ..	1500	1520	" "	Sep. 1864	My 54 Feb 63	.....	1820	Sued	3
*Butterworth, A. M.	sw ¼	29	87	26	160	Light ..	588	1600	Claim	Apr. 1861	Apr. 1852	1861	1400	Sued	3
Burkhardt, David L.	nw ¼	13	82	27	160	Good ..	900	1600	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868	June 1861	.....	460	.....	4
Bestham, Francis.	s ½ of se	21	83	27	80	Fair ..	443	560	" "	" "	Nov. 1868	1868	300	.....	4
Cutting, H. P.	e ½ of se	3	87	27	80	Medium ..	780	400	" "	1868	July 1854	1861	1340	Sued	1
Clark, F. W.	nw ¼	33	87	27	160	" "	769	1440	" "	Oct. 1867	Oct. 1855, 1867	.....	760	Sued	1
Cambell, Hiram.	e ½ of sw and w ½ of se	5	87	26	160	Fair ..	1384	960	" "	Jan. 1867	Jan. 1867	.....	700	Sued	2
Chantland, Thos.	n ½ of ne.	9	90	23	80	Common ..	482	800	" "	Nov. 1868	June 1868	.....	1080	Sued	2
Crouse, Isaac.	se ¼	21	88	27	160	Good ..	1866	1280	" "	Apr. 1867	October 1868	.....	854	.....	2
Cling, Mary.	se ¼	35	86	23	160	Fair ..	920	1044	" "	Aug. 1866	Aug. 1866	.....	760	.....	2
Carlson, J. P.	sw ¼	35	86	23	160	Light ..	515	960	" "	Nov. 1868	March 1868	.....	193	.....	2
Coleman, Samuel.	lot no. 8	23	84	27	22	Fair ..	295	220	" "	" "	October 1863	.....	460	.....	2
*Clark, Wm. W.	n ½ of nw.	21	84	27	80	" "	555	560	" "	July 1866	July 1866	Bo't.	1080	Sued	3
Cannon, P.	se ¼	25	86	27	160	Good ..	1847	1280	" "	Feb. 1867	June 1866	.....	860	.....	3
Cram, Jno.	w ½ of se	3	87	23	80	Fair ..	635	960	Quit claim deed	May 1858	May 1858	.....	860	.....	3
Click, Mathias.	w ½ of nw and lots 7 and 8	35	88	28	151.09	Common ..	513	755	U. S. pre-emption	June 1868	June 1854	1866	566	.....	3
*Coffman, Jemima	n ½ of ne.	23	81	25	80	Good ..	1118	1200	Homestead	Sep. 1868	.....	Bo't.	1100	.....	3
Crawford, Thos.	ne frac. ¼.	3	81	25	149.49	Light ..	246	1016	U. S. pre-emption	July 1868	July 1868	.....	829	.....	3
Chamberlain, G. H.	n ½ of sw and nw of se and sw of ne	27	84	27	160	Fair ..	1086	1290	" "	July 1866	August 1858	.....	1080	Sued	4
Calme, Peter.	sw ¼	7	83	27	163.04	" "	864	1956	" "	June 1868	June 1868	.....	1734	.....	2
Decker, Jarvis.	nw of nw	29	83	26	40	" "	400	200	" "	Oct. 1868	March 1868	.....	150	.....	2
Daris, C. M.	ne ¼	25	83	24	160	" "	1048	1440	Homestead	June 1868	June 1868	.....	1240	.....	2
Burger, Allen	nw ¼	19	87	27	148.40	Good ..	885	1280	State pre-emption	June 1858	Dec. 1856	1864	1055	Sued	1

Deering, H. S.	nw ¼.	13 SS 28	160	Good.....	\$1500	\$1600	U. S. Pre-emption.....	Dec. 1866	\$1400	Sued
Drugg, Jno.	e ½ and sw of sw.	25 86 27	120	Good.....	1795	780	Quit claim deed.....	Feb. 1864	680	"
Dennis, J. M.	se ¼.	3 81 25	160	Good.....	621	1440	U. S. pre-emption.....	Feb. 1867	1240	3
De Bough, Frank	nw ¼.	11 82 27	160	Poor.....	118	1280	"	July 1868	1080	3
Dwyre, Jno. R.	lots 1, 2 and 3	9 82 26	160	Small.....	202	265	"	June 1868	183	4
Ellison, T.	ne ¼.	23 82 27	160	Good.....	1300	1760	"	June 1868	1560	1
Erickson, Martin	sw ¼.	31 86 26	143 96	"	1234	1296	"	Feb. 1867	1116	1
Elphrey, E.	nw ¼.	5 83 27	100	Light.....	262	1000	U. S. homestead.....	Oct. 1868	875	2
Eckleberger, J. D.	e ½ of sw and w	11 57 27	160	Poor.....	333	640	U. S. pre-emption.....	Nov. 1868	440	3
Erickson, G. A.	se ¼.	15 86 27	160	Good.....	1844	1280	Homestead.....	Mar. 1863	1080	3
Eugstrum, Lars	s ½ of nw	31 86 27	80	Light.....	346	480	U. S. pre-emption.....	Feb. 1867	350	3
Fligney, Philip.	se of se.	31 84 27	160	Very good.	1966	640	"	Nov. 1868	580	4
Elliot, Amos	ne ¼ and ne of se.	5 83 27	144.81	Fair.....	986	969	Grantee of U. S. duplicate.	June 1870	688	4
Elliot, John D.	ne.	5 83 27	102.70	Poor.....	177	1642	U. S. pre-emption.....	June 1868	1868	4
Foster, Geo. W.	se of ne.	27 83 26	160	Medium.....	465	440	"	Nov. 1867	390	1
Flaherty, H. O.	se ¼.	7 88 27	160	Fair.....	1209	1120	"	Nov. 1868	920	3
Fuller, Clark	nw ¼.	27 88 28	159.50	Very good.	173	1280	State pre-emption.....	Apr. 1865	1081	3
Fortney, David	w ½ of ne.	19 88 28	86	Medium.....	5.6	640	Grantee of State pre-emption	June 1869	540	1
Getzman, Geo. W.	s ½ of se ¼.	15 85 26	80	Poor.....	420	823	Quit claim deed.....	June 1868	790	1
Goodrich, Willis W	nw ¼.	5 82 25	160	"	561	1250	U. S. pre-emption.....	June 1865	1080	1
Gillett, J. P.	w ½ of nw	29 83 25	80	"	279	640	"	Mar. 1868	540	1
Goodwin, F. W.	sw ¼.	15 85 26	160	Fair.....	860	1440	"	June 1868	1240	2
Garvin, Chas. A.	se ¼.	7 83 27	160	"	697	1280	"	Oct. 1868	1080	2
Gaylor, Martha	s ½ of nw frac ¼.	7 87 27	73	"	584	584	"	Sept. 1866	493	3
Goltry, P. C.	nw of nw	9 86 27	160	Poor.....	145	360	Homestead.....	Feb. 1867	310	3
Gordon, Alden N.	nw ¼.	15 83 27	160	"	409	1600	U. S. pre-emption.....	Nov. 1868	1400	3
Hammond, Val	ne of nw.	31 82 25	46 27	Fair.....	475	555	Homestead.....	Nov. 1868	497	4
Helm, Chas.	ne ¼.	9 88 27	160	"	1098	1240	U. S. pre-emption.....	Aug. 1865	1080	4
Holm, Gustaf	n ½ of ne	82 83 27	80	Light.....	245	400	"	Nov. 1868	800	2
Hanson, Peter	e ½ of se	7 83 27	80	Poor.....	335	480	"	Jun.	380	4
Houge, Jno. J.	e ½ of nw	7 89 28	80	"	101	800	"	July	700	1
Howe, Andrew	nw of ne.	29 89 28	80	Medium.....	654	1000	"	"	1868	1
Hedland, Jno. L.	e ½ of se.	15 86 28	80	Poor.....	447	640	"	"	1868	1
Hanson, Jno.	se ¼.	33 86 27	160	"	533	800	"	Nov.	950	1
Helkamp, Jno	s ½ of se.	21 37 24	80	"	295	566	"	Ap. 1860	600	1
Hart, N. H.	e ½ of ne.	19 88 28	80	Good.....	593	640	State pre-emption.....	Ang. 1866	460	1
Hanson, Oie M.	e ½ of se.	25 82 27	80	Poor.....	235	500	U. S. pre-emption.....	Jun. 1859	460	1
Hanson, Geo. D.	sw ¼.	21 89 26	160	Very good	1865	1600	"	May 1868	540	1
Henderson, J.	w ½ of nw	23 85 26	80	Fair.....	423	800	"	Sept. 1867	700	1
Herbert, Wm. M.	ne ¼.	13 81 24	160	Good.....	1200	1600	"	1867 May	1400	1
Holcomb, B. B.	n ½ of se.	19 83 25	80	Common...	310	730	Filled D. S. for Homestead.....	Jun. 1868	1400	2
Hedland, John M.	e ½ of ne	15 86 28	80	Good.....	1012	640	U. S. pre-emption.....	Sept. 1866	620	3
Hudson C.	lot no. 5.	23 88 28	52.30	Poor.....	76	681	"	June 1868	540	3

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* Hutchinson, G.	sw 1/4	33 87 27	160	Good	1939	1600	U. S. pre-emption.	Ang. 1866	Decem.	1864	Bo't.	\$1400	655	Sued	2
† Householder, J. M.	w 1/2 of sw	7 81 25	97.08	Very good.	2305	778	"	Nov. 1868	June	1866	Bo't.	655	655	Sued	2
Hibbard, L.	w 1/2 of sw	17 83 27	80	Common	482	640	"	Nov. 1868	Novem.	1868	Bo't.	540	540	Sued	2
Intermill, Jacob.	ne 1/4	35 87 28	160	Good	829	1600	"	Ang. 1866	July	1866	Bo't.	1400	1400	Sued	1
Irving, Geo.	sw frac. 1/4	7 83 25	155	"	1978	1555	"	May 1868	May	1868	Bo't.	1361	1361	Sued	1
Irving, Erastus	w 1/2 of se and w 1/2 of ne	7 83 25	160	Good	1628	1600	"	June 1868	June	1868	Bo't.	1400	1400	Sued	1
Johnson, Gaurio's	w 1/2 of sw	23 82 27	80	Medium	822	800	"	Nov. 1868	April	1868	Bo't.	700	700	Sued	1
Jacobson, Hans	w 1/2 of se	31 82 26	80	"	591	560	"	Nov. 1868	April	1868	Bo't.	460	460	Sued	1
Johnson, Charles	ne 1/4	23 86 26	160	Fair	988	1360	"	1867	May	1867	Bo't.	1163	1163	Sued	1
† Jacobson, Peter	e 1/2 of ne	21 88 27	80	"	645	640	"	Nov. 1868	July	1868	Bo't.	540	540	Sued	2
** Jesse, Samuel	w 1/2 and se of nw	23 82 26	120	Light	417	1080	"	June 1868	August	1866	Bo't.	990	990	Sued	2
† Jenkins, W. H.	w 1/2 of nw	27 81 27	80	"	286	600	"	J'ne 1868	June	1868	Bo't.	500	500	Sued	2
Johnson, Anon.	s 1/2 of ne	23 86 27	80	Very light.	24	480	D. S. for homestead	Nov. 1868	Nov.	1868	Bo't.	380	380	Sued	3
Johnson, Jno.	ne 1/4	25 86 27	160	Good	1400	1040	U. S. pre-emption	Feb. 1867	June	1864	Bo't.	840	840	Sued	3
Johnson, Peter, & Henry Nelson	sw 1/4	9 83 27	160	"	1002	1200	"	Nov. 1868	June	1866	Bo't.	1000	1000	Sued	3
Johnson, Frank	n 1/2 of sw	27 83 27	80	Poor	161	480	"	Nov. 1868	June	1868	Bo't.	390	390	Sued	4
Johnson, Andrew	n 1/2 of se	27 83 27	80	Light	280	560	"	July 1868	July	1868	Bo't.	460	460	Sued	4
Kelley, H. E.	ne 1/4	31 89 27	160	Good	1019	640	"	Nov. 1868	June	1868	Bo't.	440	440	Sued	1
Kempley, Jno.	lot 3.	5 88 28	39.23	"	312	312	Tax-title	Nov. 1861	June	1861	Bo't.	263	263	Sued	1
Kees, Jno. A.	se of se	17 83 27	40	Poor	77	280	U. S. pre-emption	June 1868	April	1861	Bo't.	280	280	Sued	1
Kelley, Michael	ne 1/4	7 83 27	160	Fair	500	1120	"	Nov. 1868	July	1861	Bo't.	930	930	Sued	2
Kelley, James	nw 1/4	7 88 27	139.54	"	871	480	"	Nov. 1868	July	1867	Bo't.	930	930	Sued	3
Kierlin, Catharine	nw 1/4	7 86 27	154.40	Good	1034	1280	Filled D. S. for homestead	Nov. 1868	July	1867	Bo't.	306	306	Sued	3
Krebs, Daniel	sw 1/4	21 87 28	160	Common	631	1660	U. S. pre-emption	Feb. 1867	Feb.	1866	Bo't.	1087	1087	Sued	3
Long, Peter	n 1/2 of nw	25 86 27	80	Good	1366	400	"	J'ne 1868	April	1867	Bo't.	1460	1460	Sued	3
Lyons, J. F.	nw 1/4	29 86 27	160	"	1886	1280	"	Feb. 1867	March	1864	Bo't.	300	300	Sued	1
† Lambert, C. C.	se 1/4	81 37 27	160	Poor	328	1440	"	Aug. 1863	May	1861	Bo't.	1080	1080	Sued	1
† Lundquist, Gustaf	se 1/4	83 86 26	160	Fair	791	1280	"	J'ne 1866	June	1866	Bo't.	1240	1240	Sued	1
Lougren, F. S.	e 1/2 of ne	27 86 28	80	"	426	400	Offered to file D. S.	Nov. 1868	April	1868	Bo't.	300	300	Sued	1
Lougren, J. A.	w 1/2 of nw	35 86 28	80	"	384	440	U. S. pre-emption	Oct. 1866	Sept.	1866	Bo't.	840	840	Sued	2
Leonard, Arad	ne 1/4	11 86 28	160	Good	1775	1120	"	July 1865	July	1865	Bo't.	920	920	Sued	2
Lewis, Ara D.	e 1/2 of se	81 83 25	80	Fair	499	640	"	J'ne 1868	March	1868	Bo't.	540	540	Sued	2

Lee, Andrew A.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	29 82 27 100	Good	1ss-c	1480	U. S. pre-emption	April 1867	1867	1380	2
McManus, Jno.	se $\frac{1}{4}$	17 90 28 160	Medium	881	1280	U. S. homestead	Septem. 1868	1868	1080	1
Miller, Peter	s $\frac{1}{2}$ and ne of ne	29 89 28 120	"	656	800	U. S. pre-emption	June 1865	1865	2850	Sued 1
Wilburn, J. W.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	13 56 27 160	Very good	2738	1604	"	Nov. 1868	1868	1400	1
Mead, Sullivan	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	29 87 27 160	Good	134	640	"	Nov. 1868	1868	440	Sued 1
McClister, R.	se $\frac{1}{4}$	11 82 27 126.60	"	1026	1440	"	June 1868	1868	1282	Sued 2
Mayfield, Preston	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	1 85 27 153.49	Light	906	919	"	Nov. 1868	1868	727	Sued 2
Mosgrove, Robert	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	15 85 26 160	"	542	1440	"	June 1868	1868	1240	Bo't. 2
Beckroy, James	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne frac. $\frac{1}{2}$	1 83 28 50.16	Fair	548	510	"	"	1868	447	2
McGee, Richard	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	5 88 27 95.60	Good	855	560	"	"	1868	441	3
Mills, F. A.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 86 27 153.40	Common	583	1280	"	Feb. 1867	1867	1083	3
Michaelson, Loren	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	1 81 27 80	Fair	460	500	"	1868	1868	460	3
Michaelson, James	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	23 93 28 80	Good	766	800	"	1868	1868	700	3
Miller, James	nw of ne	35 83 27 40	Light	104	240	"	Nov. 1868	1868	190	3
Manoney, Patrick	nw of se	3 83 27 40	Fair	233	400	"	June 1868	1868	350	3
Merritt, John I.	se of sw, and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	11 84 27 120	Light	209	600	"	Nov. 1868	1868	450	4
McCaskey, J. F.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	19 84 27 81.96	"	229	9.2	"	June 1865	1865	800	4
McLaughlin, M.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	9 83 27 160	"	580	1440	"	May 1868	1868	1240	4
Meighan, Barney	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw $\frac{1}{4}$	3 83 27 80	Very poor	182	800	"	June 1868	1868	700	2
Newsam, Gilliam	lot 1, and se of ne	23 88 28 80	Medium	822	540	"	Oct. 1868	1868	428	1
Nelson, Erick	w $\frac{1}{2}$ and se of sw	15 85 27 129	Fair	570	840	Homestead	Mar. 1863	1863	690	3
Nichols, P. G.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw, and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	13 86 28 160	Good	1384	1120	"	Aug. 1866	1866	920	Sued 3
Northam, D. B.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw, and n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	13 86 28 160	Very good	1740	1440	Offered to file D. S.	Apr. 1866	1866	1340	Sued 3
Nelson H. & P. Johnson	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	9 83 27 160	Good	1921	1200	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868	1868	1000	3
Nelson, N. P.	se of nw	23 83 27 160	Poor	202	240	"	May 1862	1862	1900	Sued 4
Neel, James	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	38 93 25 160	Light	577	1440	"	June 1868	1868	1240	4
Noll, Phillip	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	31 8. 27 102.85	"	28.9	815	"	June 1863	1863	612	4
Natnamaker, H.	se $\frac{1}{2}$	31 85 27 160	Fair	708	1280	"	June 1868	1868	1080	4
Noland, Daniel	ne of ne	35 83 27 43	Good	729	320	"	May 1871	1871	270	2
Oleson, C.	se $\frac{1}{2}$	33 86 27 100	Fair	778	1200	Grantee state pre-emption	May 1871	1871	1000	2
Oleson, O.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 85 26 160	Good	1135	960	U. S. pre-emption	July 1867	1867	760	1
Oviatt, O. G.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	7 82 26 141	"	957	1234	"	July 1867	1867	944	Sued 2
O'Connell, H.	se $\frac{1}{2}$	1 88 28 160	"	1002	1120	"	Nov. 1868	1868	920	3
Oleson, John P.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	35 86 28 80	Light	294	480	Homestead (filed)	June 1868	1868	380	2
Oleson, O.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	38 88 29 80	Poor	290	800	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868	1868	700	1
O'Callaghan, T.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	11 88 28 80	Good	1210	480	"	Aug. 1868	1868	380	1
Patterson, J. J.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne, and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	5 85 26 154.77	"	1665	1088	U. S. pre-emption	Aug. 1868	1868	883	1
Peterson, Bodel	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se, and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	21 82 25 160	"	1st-c	1280	"	Nov. 1865	1865	1080	Sued 1
Peterson, Peter	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	21 86 26 80	"	512	680	"	July 1865	1865	580	Bo't 1

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 ††††Bought of Jno. Stryker.
 †††††Bought of N. Prossley.
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* Peterson, Erick.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$.	21	86	26	80	Good	596	680	U. S. pre-emption.	1867 June	1866	Bo't.	580		
† Peterson, Olaf.	W side se $\frac{1}{4}$.	29	86	26	100	"	923	800	"	1869 Dec.	1866	"	675		
Price, Martin.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$.	31	86	26	143	96	714	1132	"	Feb. 1867 Oct.	1866	"	975		
Poulson, Lars.	se $\frac{1}{4}$.	23	86	28	160	Fair	517	1040	"	Nov. 1867 Nov.	1868	"	840		
Pierce, Jno.	se of nw.	17	82	27	40	Light.	154	400	Homestead (filed).	June 1868 March	1867	"	350	Sued	
Phillips, Mahlin.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$.	15	90	24	160	Light.	475	24 0	U. S. pre-emption.	1868 July	1868	"	2092	Sued	
Peters, James.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	20	90	28	80	Good.	1c'ss	640	"	Nov. 1868 Mar.	1856-64	"	540		
Peterson, J. P.	se $\frac{1}{4}$.	13	86	27	160	Good.	871	560	"	Feb. 1867 April	1866	"	360		
Price, E. B.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	9	87	28	80	Fair.	553	880	"	June 1867 June	1867	"	780		
Pettybone, Oliver.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	33	87	28	80	Fair.	423	800	"	Aug. 1866 June	1866	"	700		
Pratt, L. M.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	33	88	28	80	Good.	654	640	"	Nov. 1868 Oct.	1866	"	540	Sued	
Parsons, Jno.	sw of se and se of sw and lot No. 7.	15	88	28	125	55	124	753	Grantee State pre-emption.	June 1868 Feb.	1858	"	595		
Putnam, B. A.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	13	82	27	80	Poor.	386	800	U. S. pre-emption	" April	1865	"	700		
Peterson, Peter.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	31	82	25	85	25	572	852	Homestead (filed)	June 1868 June	1865	"	746		
Polk, Wm. A.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	31	81	25	80	Fair.	132	800	Offered to file D. S.	July 1868 April	1860	"	100		
Quinn, Thos.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	9	89	28	80	Poor.	379	400	Homestead D. S.	June 1868 June	1868	"	300		
Resberg, Peter.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$.	11	86	28	160	Good	883	1120	U. S. pre-emption.	Sep. 1866 April	1866	"	920		
Rutherford, A.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$.	33	82	25	160	Common	865	1040	"	June 1868 June	1868	"	40		
Ross, M. D.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$.	3	84	26	160	Good.	1031	1020	"	June 1868 June	1866	"	1720		
Rafferty, James.	se $\frac{1}{4}$.	19	90	25	160	Medium.	760	1280	"	Nov. 1868 March	1861	"	1080		
Reed, Hiram.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$.	25	89	28	160	Poor.	275	1600	"	June 1868 June	1867	"	1400		
Rang, Ole.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne and ne of nw.	3	87	27	144	70	452	860	U. S. pre-emption.	Nov. 1868 July	1861	"	180		
Rathburn, Garrett.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	23	83	27	80	Light.	222	520	"	Nov. 1868 April	1858	"	420		
Richardson, Henry.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	21	85	27	160	Good	960	1280	"	Nov. 1868 Feb.	1868	"	1080		
Rowley, Elhathan.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	85	82	27	160	Fair.	944	1600	Homestead D. S.	June 1868 June	1867	"	1400		
Rohrbach, Andrew.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$.	17	89	28	160	Good.	1106	2400	U. S. pre-emption.	Oct. 1868 June	1868	"	2200		
Royster, William.	ue of ne.	15	87	26	40	Medium	657	240	Quit claim deed.	Mar. 1866	1855	"	190	Sued	
Swanson, C. J.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	17	83	27	80	Fair.	460	560	U. S. pre-emption.	Nov. 1868 March	1866	"	460		
Sundean, Martin.	se $\frac{1}{4}$.	31	86	27	160	Medium	1285	1280	"	Aug. 1866 June	1859	"	1680	Sued	

Swanson, J. J.	1/2 of ne 1/4	25 86 23	80	Good	848	440	U. S. pre-emption.	Oct. 1865 Oct.	1865	349	1
Steen, Wm.	se 1/4	15 88 23	160	Good	631	960	"	Nov. 1868 March	1868	760	1
Scott, Robert	sw 1/4	1 88 28	160	Good	1st-c	800	"	Jan. 1867 June	1851 68	694	Sued
Swanson, C.	n 1/2 of ne	7 85 25	80	Medium	535	800	"	Mar. 1866 March	1866	389	1
Swanson, Andrew	1/2 of ne	29 82 25	80	Poor	349	640	"	June 1867 June	1867	540	1
Staley, Joseph	1/2 of nw and n	31 83 26	144 25	Fair	1030	910	"	J'ne 1868 March	1868	730	2
Slatten, S. A.	nw 1/4	19 81 26	146	Light	335	1088	"	J'ne 1868 June	1868	966	2
Slatten, H. S.	1 c 1/4	19 81 26	160	Light	150	1280	"	Aug. 1868 August	1868	1780	2
Schoonover, R.	e 1/2 of ne	7 81 25	80	Fair	160	8 6	"	July 1868 July	1868	700	2
Schaffer, A. M.	se of se and w 1/2	35 85 26	120	"	992	540	Homestead D. S.	Nov. 1868 June	1868	390	2
Stark, Geo.	1/2 of ne	9 85 26	80	Light	238	508	U. S. pre-emption	Oct. 1868 Oct.	1868	400	2
Statts, Adam	e 1/2 of nw	3 84 26	98	Good	849	1176	"	J'ne 1868 June	1868	1054	2
Sparks, Jonathan	s 1/2 of se	35 83 27	80	Light	296	489	"	J'ne 1868 March	1867	380	2
Sanford, T. G.	e 1/2 of ne	19 82 26	80	Common	581	560	"	J'ne 1868	1866	460	2
Seward, Elisha	nw 1/4	7 83 27	163 04	Good	1598	1956	"	Nov. 1868 May	1868	1724	2
Stockwell, F. E.	e 1/2 of se	11 87 28	160	Light	189	800	"	Jan. 1867 Oct.	1866	700	3
Smith, Juno, L.	nw 1/4	5 86 26	152 22	Very good	2523	11 0	"	Jan. 1867 May	1866	930	3
Steverson, Levi	e 1/2 of sw	19 82 26	87	Fair	337	729	Offered to file D. S.	Jan. 1867 July	1867	630	4
Scott, Larken	lots no. 6 and 7	35 84 27	65	Good	516	825	U. S. pre-emption	Jun' 1868 April	1865	244	Sued
Swanson, Chas. A	n 1/2 of nw	27 83 27	80	Fair	395	809	"	J'ne 1868 March	1868	700	4
Seely, J. H.	e 1/2 of ne	11 88 28	80	Good	943	640	Grantee State pre-emption	Nov. 1869 Nov.	1855-69	540	Sued
Smith, Asa	lots 3, 4, and 5	1 87 28	13 30	Poor	196	1659	Homestead D. S.	Nov. 1868 March	1867	1486	1
Scott, Nicholas	n 1/2 of se and s 1/2	35 83 27	160	Fair	815	1600	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868 Nov.	1866	1400	2
Tomlinson, John A.	ne 1/4	11 87 28	160	Good	869	1600	"	Sep. 1866	1851-1863	1400	1
Tennant, R. W.	sw 1/4	9 87 28	166	"	719	1280	"	Nov. 1868 Nov.	1868	1086	1
Tolman, Frank	nw 1/4	9 89 28	170	Fair	806	1120	"	Nov. 1868 May	1868	920	2
Toler, Knud	w 1/2 of sw	19 82 26	64 50	Fair	391	180	Offered to file D. S.	Nov. 1868 July	1867	509	2
Twinling, L. S.	ne 1/4	29 88 28	160	Good	1311	1386	Grantee State pre-emption	Aug. 1870 Aug.	1856-70	1080	Sued
Wery, Samuel	e 1/2 of ne	31 84 27	80	Fair	846	960	Quit claim deed	Jun' 1868 June	1866	860	2
Watland, G.	se 1/4	11 80 23	160	Common	549	120	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868 Nov.	1868	920	2
Williams, Michael	ne of se	33 89 23	40	Medium	500	500	"	Jun' 1868	1862	450	Sued
Willse, Chas.	sw of se	31 88 26	40	Good	558	240	Offered to file D. S.	May	1867	190	1
Woodard, William	ne 1/4	31 88 26	160	Fair	589	960	U. S. pre-emption	Nov. 1868 May	1866	760	1
Walsh, James	sw 1/4	3 89 23	160	Fair	516	1440	"	Jun' 1868 April	1868	1240	2
Webber, Joseph	ne of ne	1 87 27	46 76	Fair	232	280	Offered to file D. S.	1868 June	1851-67	222	2
Wallace, Geo. W.	sw of ne and nw	15 85 26	80	Fair	446	400	U. S. pre-emption	Jun' 1868 June	1868	300	2
Wilcox, P. H.	of se	25 88 27	160	Common	709	1280	"	Nov. 1868 July	1865	1688	3
Watson, Joseph	n 1/2 of se	9 88 27	80	Good	614	480	"	Oct. 1868 June	1868	380	3
Williams, Geo. Q.	se 1/4	33 88 28	160	"	1192	1124	"	Sep. 1866 October	1864	926	Sued
Williams, J. M.	e 1/2 of nw	33 88 38	80	"	1065	640	"	Jun' 1868 Oct.	1864	540	3
Yarn, Lars	se 1/4	31 86 26	160	Ex. good	2600	1600	"	Feb. 1867 Decem.	1863	1400	1

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NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation	No. of book.
Zunkle, Jno.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of s $\frac{1}{2}$ of	33	85	27	80	Good	815	800	U. S. pre-emption.....	Sep. 1868	April 1861	.....	700	Sued	4
Zunkle, Wm.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw, and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	33	85	27	160	"	1373	1920	Offered to file D. S.....	"	May 1861	.....	1720	Sued	4
Zunkle, Ferdinand	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se, and s $\frac{1}{2}$ of n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	33	85	27	80	"	962	800	U. S. pre-emption.....	July 1868	May 1866		700	Sued	4

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NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of Improvements.	Value of Improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
Anderson, Adolph	nw 1/4	25	86	23	160	Good	\$ 975	\$960	Claim	June 1866	June 1866	.....	\$76 0	.....	1
Anderson, Gustaf	nw 1/4	31	86	27	157 24	Poor	384	1120	"	Apr. 1868	Apr. 1868	.....	954	.....	1
Anderson, J. W.	e 1/2 of se	35	87	27	80	"	480	320	"	Feb. 1869	Feb. 1866, 1866	.....	220	.....	1
Arms, Geo. B.	se 1/4	29	91	23	160	Medium	700	1600	"	"	"	.....	1400	.....	1
Anderson, A. W.	se 1/4	5	85	26	160	"	865	1040	"	May 1869	Ju '68, May '69	.....	840	.....	1
Anderson, L. J.	e 1/2 of sw, and w	11	86	26	160	Good	1082	800	"	Dec. 1868	Dec. 1868	.....	600	.....	1
Anderson, Martin	s 1/2 of se	31	86	26	80	Fair	558	720	"	Jan. 1868	Jan. 1865, 1868	.....	620	.....	1
Anker, Mathias	w 1/2 of sw	5	87	26	80	"	489	560	"	May 1868	May 1868	.....	460	Sued	1
Allen, Jacobiah	sw of nw	33	88	27	40	Good	144	240	"	Aug. 1865	August 1865	.....	190	.....	2
Anderson, Alex.	e 1/2 of sw	7	85	27	80	"	592	400	"	Apr. 1868	Apr. 1868	.....	300	.....	2
Allcorn, Robert	sw of se	13	87	27	40	Fair	ol s1	320	"	Oct. 1863	1857, 1863	.....	270	Sued	2
Allen, E. (estate of)	n 1/2 of se	7	87	27	80	Light	262	560	"	Oct. 1863	October 1863	.....	460	.....	3
Ashford, Nelson	w 1/2 of ne and s	3	87	23	169 76	Good	1303	1440	"	June 1867	June 1867	.....	1228	.....	3
Angstrom, Olaf	nw 1/4	27	87	26	160	Light	552	800	"	Apr. 1868	Apr. 1865, 1868	.....	600	.....	3
Austin, C. C.	w 1/2 of ne	35	87	26	80	Good	902	480	"	May 1867	May 1867	.....	380	.....	4
Bradshaw, H. K.	se 1/4	5	87	27	160	Medium	665	800	"	June 1867	June 1867		600		1
Berg, Peter	sw 1/4	25	86	26	160	"	745	960	"	Sept. 1868	Sept. 1868		760		1

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NAMES.	Part of section.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
Bond, Charles.....	s½ of s½ of nw & ne of nw.....	11 87 28	80	Poor.....	465	800	Claim.....	1865	1860	1865	706	.....	.....	.....	1
Burke, Patrick.....	e½ of ne.....	3 88 28	80	Good.....	1070	400	"	May 1866	May	1866	300	.....	.....	.....	1
Bennett, Thomas.....	se¼.....	29 87 27	160	Poor.....	126	960	"	May 1868	May	1868	760	.....	.....	.....	1
Bartels, Jno. A.....	nw of se.....	31 83 26	40	Poor.....	102	200	"	1866	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	2
Bornquist, Peter.....	e½ of se.....	23 86 28	80	Fair.....	583	440	"	J'ne 1867	June	1867	840	.....	.....	.....	1
Bass, Edward.....	w½ of ne.....	23 85 27	80	Poor.....	196	400	"	Oct. 1868	October	1868	300	.....	.....	.....	2
Billings, Abner.....	s½ of se.....	5 83 27	80	Light.....	340	640	"	April 1868	April	1868	540	.....	.....	.....	3
Boyer, Olef.....	se of ne.....	23 86 27	40	Good.....	446	200	"	Sep. 1868	Sep.	1868	150	.....	.....	.....	3
Beidings, Volney.....	lots no. 2 and 3.....	27 85 23	107.78	Light.....	201	558	"	Jan. 1866	Jan.	1866	404	.....	.....	.....	3
Baldridge, James.....	sw of se.....	23 87 28	40	Poor.....	150	400	"	J'ne 1868	June	1868	550	.....	.....	.....	3
Royenton, B. E.....	nw¼.....	5 87 26	172.16	Good.....	1473	1195	Quit-claim deed.....	May 1866	May	1864	980	Sued	.....	.....	3
Higler, Christian.....	s½ of se and s½ of sw.....	33 85 27	160	Medium.....	678	1290	Claim.....	Jan. 1868	Jan.	1868	1080	.....	.....	.....	4
Berry, Wm. B.....	e½ of se and w½ of nw.....	29 84 27	160	Very good.....	2153	1440	"	Aug. 1863	Aug.	1863	1340	.....	.....	.....	4
Bierfeldt, Henry.....	ne¼ of nw.....	13 84 27	160	Light.....	540	1920	Quit-claim deed.....	J'ne 1867	June	1867	1720	.....	.....	.....	4
Braman, J. H.....	s½ of nw.....	31 84 27	81.11	Fair.....	400	730	Claim.....	Dec. 1865	Dec.	1868	629	.....	.....	.....	4
Crams, Jno.....	n½ of sw and nw of se.....	29 82 25	130	Good.....	1180	1300	"	July 1866	July	1866	1050	.....	.....	.....	1
Criley, Jno.....	sw¼ of se.....	23 89 28	160	Very light.....	48	1920	Claim & offered to file D. S.....	Aug. 1869	July	1869	1730	Sued	.....	.....	2
Clarke, John A.....	w½ of se.....	29 88 27	80	Light.....	384	420	Claim.....	Mar. 1864	Mar.	1856	380	.....	.....	.....	2
Chauncey, H. N.....	ne of se and se of ne.....	33 87 27	80	Good.....	524	400	"	1867	.....	1867	300	.....	.....	.....	2
Christopher, Jno.....	e½ of nw.....	35 86 28	80	Fair.....	378	240	"	Apr 1867	April	1867	130	.....	.....	.....	2
Calison, C. J.....	w½ of sw.....	9 85 27	80	Good.....	648	560	"	May 1867	May	1855	460	.....	.....	.....	2
Crosby, John.....	ne of ne.....	13 88 28	80	Good.....	1st-c	400	"	J'ne 1868	June	1868	300	Sued	.....	.....	3
Casey, David.....	ne¼ of ne.....	5 88 27	189.55	Light.....	338	1200	"	Apr 1866	April	1856	964	.....	.....	.....	3
Crandal, Wm. B.....	se of se.....	29 88 27	40	Very good.....	905	320	Quit-claim deed.....	Feb. 1863	Feb.	1863	270	.....	.....	.....	3
Carr, Susan M.....	w½ of sw.....	8 87 28	80	Good.....	714	640	"	Oct. 1867	October	1867	540	.....	.....	.....	3
Costin, Thos.....	nw¼.....	15 87 28	160	Good.....	919	1280	"	Oct. 1867	October	1867	1080	.....	.....	.....	3
Costin, Jno.....	n½ of sw and lots no. 3 and 4.....	32 82 28	187.65	Fair.....	501	938	Claim.....	Oct. 1866	Oct.	1866	704	.....	.....	.....	3
Christolferson, A.....	nw¼.....	13 81 27	160	Good.....	910	1280	Quit-claim deed.....	Dec. 1868	Dec.	1868	1080	.....	.....	.....	3
Clarke, Philip.....	ne¼.....	23 80 25	160	Fair.....	850	966	Claim.....	J'ne 1868	June	1868	760	.....	.....	.....	3
Crawford, F. W.....	e½ of nw.....	33 84 27	80	Small.....	274	720	"	Oct. 1868	Oct.	1868	620	.....	.....	.....	4

Calson, John.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	17 83 27	80	Light.....	302	500	Claim.....	Dec. 1868	1868	460	2
*Dougherty, Jas. Jr.....	ne of ne and lot	11 88 29	80	"	293	800	"	July 1867	1867	700	1
Duckworth, Luke.....	no. 5.....	21 87 27	81 30	Poor.....	188	830	"	Apr. 1866	1866	215	1
Donahoe, Thos.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	11 88 28	80	Good.....	1238	400	"	"	1869	300	1
Dingman, Jacob.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	7 83 27	139 32	Light.....	307	800	"	Mar. 1867	Mar. 1861, 1867	635	8
†Daniels, Daniel.....	ne of se and w $\frac{1}{2}$	9 87 27	120	"	837	1120	"	1856	1856	970	3
†Davis, Wm. M.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	7 81 25	80	Good.....	1115	730	Quit claim deed.....	Oct. 1863	Oct. 1866, 1865	620	3
Dixon, Jacob.....	se $\frac{1}{4}$	35 85 28	160	"	1281	1610	Claim.....	Apr. 1869	Apr. 1869	1409	3
Danberry, John.....	sw of se.....	33 83 27	40	Fair.....	238	280	"	June 1868	June 1868	239	4
Danstrin, C. J.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	21 83 27	80	Medium.....	372	440	"	Mar. 1868	March 1868	240	4
Erickson, Wm.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	33 86 28	160	"	771	1200	"	July 1864	July 1861	1000	1
Evans, Job.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	33 88 27	80	Fair.....	611	640	"	June 1867	June 1868	540	2
Engstrom, C. J.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	17 85 27	80	Good.....	643	560	"	1868	1868	460	2
Evers, O. J.....	sw of ne and se of nw.....	9 86 27	80	Common.....	434	400	Quit claim deed.....	Aug. 1866	Aug. 1866	30	3
Ela, Jacob.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 87 28	176 49	"	595	1111	Claim.....	May 1868	May 1868	1191	3
Enburg, Geo.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	33 87 26	80	Good.....	922	480	"	1866	1866	380	4
Erickson, Jno.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	33 83 27	80	Poor.....	131	400	"	June 1868	June 1868	300	4
Forsfull, Jno.....	ne of se.....	9 85 27	40	Fair.....	396	160	"	Apr. 1867	April 1867	110	2
Fredrickson, L. P.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	1 85 28	160	"	553	1120	"	Mar. 1867	March 1867	920	3
Fisher, Henry G.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	29 85 27	160	Good.....	933	1240	"	Oct. 1865	October 1865	1180	4
Gunderson, Thos.....	se of se.....	9 87 27	40	Fair.....	251	240	"	May 1866	May 1866	190	1
Gustarsen, Mrs. A.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	19 86 27	80	Poor.....	428	440	"	"	"	340	1
Grosenbacher, Aug.....	se $\frac{1}{4}$	35 87 23	160	Good.....	1032	1600	"	June 1867	June 1867	1400	1
Graves, Z. H.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	11 79 25	160	Poor.....	200	1600	Claim.....	Sep. 1868	Sept. 1868	1550	2
Gilman, Geo.....	sw of nw.....	21 89 28	40	Light.....	255	600	Quit claim deed.....	June 1868	June 1853, 1868	500	3
Galer, J. B.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	7 87 27	80	Fair.....	486	600	"	"	"	"	"
Girdey, H.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne, and nw of ne and ne of nw.....	1 86 28	151 38	Good.....	1427	1311	Claim.....	1866	June 1866	1032	3
Gissen, Geo.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw frac. $\frac{1}{4}$	5 84 27	113 48	"	735	681	"	Nov. 1868	Nov. 1868	506	3
Grigsby, Jno. W.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne frac. $\frac{1}{4}$	5 84 27	112 40	Light.....	346	1011	"	Mar. 1868	Mar. 1856, 1868	977	3
Germen, Henry.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	31 85 27	80	Fair.....	560	800	"	"	"	701	4
Godskelson, T.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	23 88 27	80	Light.....	268	560	"	1867	1868	460	2
*Goodrich, E. G.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	11 87 28	160	Common.....	597	1440	Quit claim deed.....	Feb. 1866	Feb. 1856, 1866	1240	3
Hauge, Jno J.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 90 28	160	Poor.....	581	1600	"	July 1867	July 1857, 1868	1400	1
Harris, Chas.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	9 87 27	80	"	223	480	Claim.....	Feb. 1867	Feb. 1856, 1867	380	1
Hedblow, Peter.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	19 86 27	80	Medium.....	332	480	"	Apr. 1867	April 1867	380	1
Hawthorne, W. J.....	se $\frac{1}{4}$	19 88 28	160	Poor.....	277	1280	"	Nov. 1867	Nov. 1867	1063	1
Hilton, Nelson H.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	15 88 29	160	"	281	960	"	June 1868	June 1868	760	1
Hornstrom, A.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	15 83 27	80	"	168	640	"	Apr. 1869	April 1869	540	2
*Hamilton, Mary.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	27 85 26	80	Light.....	238	1200	"	Oct. 1868	October 1868	1100	1
Follis, Francis.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	31 88 27	80	Good.....	1085	480	Quit claim deed.....	May 1865	May 1868	380	2
Hubby, Jno.....	sw of nw.....	3 82 26	40	Poor.....	164	200	Claim.....	Mar. 1868	March 1868	150	2
Halverson, Gunder.....	sw $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	11 82 27	80	Light.....	282	640	"	Sep. 1868	Sept. 1868	540	2

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Helt, Peter	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	7	81	27	80	96	473	648	Claim.	May 1868	May 1868		547		2
Hale Oliver	se of sw	21	28	28	40	Good	1st-c	330	"	Oct. 1867	Oct. 1867		270	Sued	3
Hale, Oliver, Sr., estate of	ne of sw	21	28	23	40	Common	1st-c	80	"	"	Oct. 1854	1867	230	.....	3
Hanson, Charles	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	5	85	27	80	Fair	500	560	"	Mar. 1867	March 1867	.....	460	.....	8
Hareton, Luther & James K.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	19	88	26	80	Good	376	380	Quit-claim deed	Oct. 1868	Oct. 1868	.....	220	Sued	8
Hedland, Olef	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	27	88	26	80	Fair	672	400	Claim	Apr. 1868	Apr. 1868	.....	30	.....	3
Hill, Agie S.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	31	84	27	83	11	1577	997	"	Mar. 1870	March 1870	.....	998	.....	4
Holden, August	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	27	83	27	80	Light	284	610	"	Mar. 1868	March 1868	.....	549	.....	4
Jacquies, L. J.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	15	88	27	80	Medium	827	640	"	Apr. 1868	April 1868	.....	540	.....	1
Johnson, Andrew	ne $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne	31	86	27	160	"	458	1120	"	Mar. 1867	March 1867	.....	930	.....	1
Johnson, Olef	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	9	86	26	80	Poor	192	480	"	Aug. 1866	Aug. 1866	.....	380	.....	1
Jones, Evans	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	5	87	26	85	87	197	515	"	Apr. 1868	April 1868	.....	408	.....	1
Jones, F.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	5	87	26	85	86	866	472	"	Aug. 1866	Aug. 1866	.....	384	.....	1
Johnson, Hans.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne	3	86	28	162	93	377	1053	"	July 1867	July 1867	.....	851	.....	2
*Jacques, Isaac	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	21	88	27	80	Good	1185	640	"	Apr. 1865	April 1865	Bo'l.	540	.....	2
Johnson, Andrew	se $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne	23	88	27	160	Light	504	969	"	July 1868	July 1868	.....	760	.....	2
Johnson, A.	ne of ne	13	87	27	40	Fair	317	160	"	Aug. 1855	Aug. 1855	.....	110	.....	2
Johnson, Mangus & Ole Oleson	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	17	81	26	80	Light	285	560	"	J'ne 1868	June 1868	.....	460	.....	2
Johnson, Jno.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	17	81	26	80	Light	176	800	"	"	"	.....	700	Sued	2
Johnson, Mary	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	17	85	27	80	Common	355	400	"	May 1868	May 1868	.....	400	.....	2
Jones, Elias B.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	6	88	27	96	15	872	672	Quit-claim deed	Feb. 1869	April 1868	.....	552	.....	3
Jessup, Jonathan	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	31	87	27	76	66	663	540	Claim	1867	1867	.....	455	.....	3
Johnson, Chas.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne	15	83	27	160	Good	632	1800	"	July 1867	July 1867	.....	1400	.....	3
Johnson, Lewis E.	se $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne	9	86	26	160	Fair	985	960	"	Sep. 1866	Sep. 1866	.....	700	.....	4
Jones, Mathias	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	19	84	27	80	Fair	385	800	"	Oct. 1867	Oct. 1867	.....	700	.....	4
Johnson, Olef	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	21	83	27	80	Small	258	560	"	Nov. 1868	Nov. 1868	.....	460	.....	4
Johnson, Daniel	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	21	83	27	80	Light	245	560	"	May 1868	May 1868	.....	460	.....	4
Johnson, Mathias	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	15	83	27	80	Good	697	640	"	July 1868	July 1868	.....	540	.....	2
Keough, Peter	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	17	87	27	80	Poor	441	40	"	May 1868	May 1868	.....	140	.....	2
Kelly, James F.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	27	85	27	87	Fair	386	361	"	Feb. 1865	Feb. 1865	.....	153	.....	1
Knoll, Valentine	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw less 10 acres off w. side	31	88	26	70	Good	717	420	"	Apr. 1865	April 1865	.....	383	.....	1
Kelly, Jno.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	13	85	27	80	Fair	898	400	"	May 1869	May 1869	.....	300	.....	2

Kiger, A. J.	sw of sw.	17 87 26	40	Light.	122	190	Claim.	Dec. 1856	1856	50	8
Kruse, Hans.	s ½ of nw and w part of sw of ne.	7 84 27	110 96	Fair.	547	849	"	Apr. 1868	1868	710	4
Kruse, Peter.	w ½ of sw and n ½ of ne of sw.	19 84 27	101 88	Very good.	933	1536	"	Oct. 1868	1868	1403	4
Knudson, Thos.	n ½ of nw.	33 85 27	80	Good.	916	800	"	Mar. 1867	1867	706	4
Leslie, Wm.	s ½ of sw.	1 87 27	80	Good.	923	800	"	"	1866	580	1
Low, W. G.	nw of ne.	27 87 27	40	Poor.	lst-c	360	"	Feb. 1855	1855	310	1
Landolph, J. ohanna	se ¼.	13 82 26	160	Fair.	602	1120	"	Aug. 1868	1868	920	2
Lewis, Moses.	n ½ of ne.	31 88 27	80	Fair.	613	400	"	Sept. 1857	1857	900	3
Lesh, Daniel.	e ½ of se.	9 82 27	80	Poor.	97	640	"	June 1856	1856	540	4
Linderman, Detlaf	sw of se and e ½ of se of sw.	17 84 27	60	Light.	316	900	"	Jan. 1866	1866	825	4
Lewis, J. B.	n ½ of sw of se.	25 80 25	20	Poor.	64	60	"	Nov. 1865	1865	85	4
McEntyre, John	w ½ of se.	3 87 27	80	Medium	527	320	"	July 1865	1865	220	1
Marshall, F.	sw ¼.	85 87 28	160	"	695	1600	"	Jan. 1867	1867	1400	1
Morse, J. D.	ne ¼.	33 87 27	160	Good.	1454	1840	"	Nov. 1867	1867	1140	1
Mackley, Geo.	ne ¼.	29 91 38	160	Poor.	321	1600	"	Nov. 1867	1867	1400	1
Moore, James.	sw ¼.	21 82 26	160	Medium	711	1290	"	May 1866	1866	1400	1
Matson, Olaf.	w ½ of sw.	33 86 26	80	Good.	739	440	"	Aug. 1868	1868	1080	1
McGungle, Sarah.	n ½ ne.	9 87 26	80	Fair.	468	320	"	Mar. 1869	1869	340	1
Moore, E. V. and J. M.	sw of se.	19 88 27	40	Very good.	lst-c	320	"	Sept. 1868	1868	220	1
Marling J. A.	sw ¼.	7 86 27	155	Light.	384	388	"	{ Au 1855 { De. 1870	1870	270	3
Moone, Jno.	e ½ of e ½ of se.	8 88 29	204 60	"	206	320	"	May 1868	1868	194	3
Mooney, Thomas.	ue ½.	21 88 28	40	Fair.	744	2045	"	June 1864	1864	270	3
McKenzie, R. A.	s ½ of se.	3 83 27	80	Poor.	988	800	Quit claim deed.	Mar. 1867	1867	1700	3
Myers, Eli.	sw ¼.	29 85 27	160	Good.	1394	1600	Claim.	Apr. 1868	1868	700	3
Matz, Hans.	e ½ of nw.	13 84 28	80	"	775	960	"	Mar. 1865	1865	1400	4
Witchell, H.	s ½ of sw of se.	25 80 25	20	Very good.	31	60	"	"	1868	860	4
Nutt, Philip.	w ½ of se and e ½ of sw.	13 83 26	160	Medium	lst-c	1280	"	Oct. 1868	1868	35	4
Nelson, F. W.	se ¼.	5 85 27	160	Very poor.	1576	1280	"	June 1863	1863	1080	1
Nelson, Edward	ne ¼.	5 85 27	161 29	Good.	1016	1128	"	"	1866	1080	8
**Newson, Eli S.	se ¼.	29 87 26	160	"	1048	800	"	Nov. 1864	1864	927	8
Noble, James H.	s ½ of se and e ½ of sw.	33 84 27	160	Fair.	608	1600	"	Oct. 1865	1865	600	8
Nodding, Erick.	w ½ of se.	9 83 27	80	Poor.	261	480	"	Feb. 1869	1869	1400	4
Newbrough, Jno.	n frac. ½ of nw.	5 80 25	104 91	Light.	408	1258	"	June 1868	1868	380	4
Nolan, John.	ne of nw.	13 83 27	40	Poor.	185	320	"	Mar. 1860	1860	1127	4
								June 1868	1868	270	2

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O'Brien, Jno.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	17 87 27	80	Medium.	874	240	Claim.	May 1868	May 1868	140					1
Oleson, Simon	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	9 87 27	80	Poor	399	820		July 1868	July 1868	230					1
Oleson, Thomas	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	304	320	.....	304	320	.....	J ^{ne} 1867	J ^{ne} 1867	230	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
*Oleson, Nelson	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	21 87 27	80	Light	279	400	.....	Aug 1865	Aug 1865	800	.....	Bo't.	.....	.....	2
Oleson, H.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	1 81 27	80	Common	160	560	.....	Apr 1868	Apr 1868	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Oleson, Olaf	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	1 81 26	80	Common	291	560	.....	Oct. 1865	Oct. 1865	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Olofson, Lars	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	13 86 27	80	Good	1032	640	.....	Oct. 1865	Oct. 1865	540	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
†Olofson, Olof	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se and se of ne.	11 86 27	120	.....	1440	1200	Quit claim deed.	Apr 1865	Apr 1865	1050	.....	Bo't.	.....	.....	3
Overman, Michael	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	5 84 27	80	Light	279	480	Claim.	Aug 1867	Aug. 1867	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Poor, Geo	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	7 87 27	180 60	Good	825	803	.....	July 1867	July 1867	517	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Peterson, Jonas	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	9 88 28	76 98	Poor	233	616	.....	J ^{ne} 1856	J ^{ne} 1856	520	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Peterson, Peter	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	7 88 28	76 44	.....	59	616	.....	June 1866	June 1866	520	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Patch, C. N.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	33 88 27	160	Light	443	1280	.....	July 1865	July 1865	1080	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Picher, W. L.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	19 84 26	40	.....	168	600	.....	Oct. 1851	October 1851	550	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
†Porter, P. S.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	29 88 27	80	Good	652	560	Quit-claim deed.	Feb. 1867	Feb. 1867	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Peterson, Mrs. K.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	18 86 27	80	Very good.	77	481	Claim.	Oct. 1865	Oct. 1865	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
†Peterson, C. E.	sw of nw.	17 87 28	40	Fair	592	330	.....	July 1868	July 1868	270	.....	Bo't.	.....	.....	3
Peterson, Peter	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	15 88 27	80	.....	496	720	.....	.....	.....	620	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Pooler, Archibald	se of ne and n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	19 87 26	70	.....	676	350	Quit claim deed	Sep. 1864	Sep. 1864	263	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Page, John.	sw of sw.	19 87 26	37	.....	1st c	166	.....	Feb. 1865	Feb. 1865	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
†Peterson, P. H.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne and ne of ne.	29 87 26	120	Good	1483	840	.....	Mar. 1866	March 1866	690	.....	Bo't.	.....	.....	3
Peterson, L. P.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	29 85 27	80	Very small	83	320	Claim.	.....	.....	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Peterson, Erick	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se and nw	33 88 27	120	Light	361	600	.....	J ^{ne} 1868	June 1868	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Peterson, Peter	ne of sw.	31 82 25	40	Fair	1st c	400	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Peterson, Chas	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	13 88 27	80	Common	480	640	.....	June 1868	June 1868	540	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Quinn, William	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	9 87 27	80	Good	1045	640	.....	July 1865	J ^{ne} '56 Jy '65	540	.....	Shed	.....	.....	3
Quinn, Thomas	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	5 81 27	80	Light	275	560	.....	Dec. 1868	Dec. 1868	460	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Ryne, Oliver	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	3 87 27	80	Medium	835	280	.....	Sep. 1864	Sep. 1864	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Richardson, David	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	3 87 39	160	Fair	710	1280	Quit claim deed	Sep. 1868	Sep. 1868	1080	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Rapp, Geo	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	25 85 28	80	Fair	500	640	Claim	Apr. 1868	Apr. 1868	540	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Remis, Jno.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	13 84 28	80	Fair	557	1900	.....	.....	.....	1100	.....	.....	.....	.....	4

Remits, C. F.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	13 84 28 80	Fair.	564	560 Claim.	Oct. 1867	October 1867	460	1
Rolfe, A. D.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$ of se and lots	27 87 23 160	Poor	227	1600	May 1867	May 1867	1400	1
Spencer, William	2 and 3	35 88 28 124 77	Medium	590	700	May 1868	May 1854	1868	1
Sampson, Peter	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 90 28 159 02	Fair	870	1500	Aug. 1868	Aug.	1868	2
Sweeney, Michael	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	21 90 28 160	Very poor.	90	1760	Nov. 1868	Nov.	1868	2
Simonsen, Claus	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	13 81 27 80	Common	363	500	July 1868	July	1868	2
Strode, F. H.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	9 85 26 80	Poor	100	480	July 1868	June	1868	2
Sawyer, S. S.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	17 84 27 161	Fair	754	1920	J'ne 1867	"	Bo. t.	2
Seashore, Alford	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	7 85 27 79 61	Poor	187	517	1867	1867	417	2
Staynerson, Geo.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	1 81 27 80	Light.	385	560	May 1868	May	1868	2
Southern, David	of sw, and nw								
Sandford, E	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	17 88 27 160	Light.	551	1280	J'ne 1862	J'ne 1865	1863	3
Shiess, Geo. W.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	5 86 27 76 92	Good.	710	640	May 1868	May	1868	3
Sperry, F. L.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 87 28 160	Fair.	852	1280	June 1867	June	1867	3
Sturtyvant, Jno &	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	27 88 28 80	Very good.	1652	480	Apr. 1867	April	1867	3
Jno. Flemming	sw of ne.	13 87 28 40	Fair.	428	603	"	"	Bo. t.	3
Stogren, Andrew	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	7 85 27 160	Light	385	960	"	1868	1868	3
Sunburg, Olof	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	17 85 27 80	Good	857	500	1867	1867	460	3
Smith, C. H.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	8 83 27 80	Medium	410	800	Oct 1868	Oct.	1868	4
Stamp, Henry	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	25 84 28 160	Good	945	1600	Mar. 1869	March	1869	4
Townsend, Henry	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	17 88 27 80	Medium	430	800	Apr. 1866	April	1866	1
Townsend, Geo. C.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	17 88 27 80	Poor	340	800	1867	1867	700	1
Townsend, Isaac E.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	5 87 27 181	Medium.	737	905	Sep. 1868	Sep.	1868	1
Triming, E. W.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se, and se								
Townsend, A. H.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	29 88 28 120	Poor.	376	960	Mar. 1867	March	1867	1
**Tumbleson, J. H.	sw $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	81 88 28 149 50	Medium	430	1046	May 1869	May	1869	1
Townsend, Jno.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	35 85 26 80	Poor.	268	880	June 1868	June	1868	1
Tyson, Oliver	lot no. 1	9 87 28 160	Light.	421	1280	J'ne 1867	June	1867	3
Tolliver, A. J.	lot no. 1	7 87 27 15	Good	138	180	Mar. 1865	March.	1-65	3
†Tolliver, S. C.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	23 88 27 80	Fair.	976	640	Oct. 1868	Oct.	1868	3
Vroman, Henry	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	85 87 27 80	"	415	320	Dec. 1866	Dec.	1866	1
Vestman, Jonas	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	33 87 28 160	Light	648	1440	Apr. 1867	Apr. 1866	1867	3
Weyer, John	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	35 87 34 160	Good	895	1600	Nov. 1868	Nov.	1868	4
White, A. C.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	23 88 24 80	Medium	524	640	Mar. 1868	March	1868	1
†Wilson, Jerad	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	21 88 27 160	Very good	2160	1280	Nov. 1861	Nov.	1861	2
Wilson, D. D.	se of se	1 81 26 40	Fair	208	320	Apr. 1858	Apr.	1858	2
Wilgus, Robert	n $\frac{1}{2}$ and se of se	13 88 28 120	Light	180	1200	Mar. 1866	Mar.	1866	3
Weaver, W. R.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	5 86 27 80	Good	288	6-0	Aug. 1868	August	1868	3
Williams, Jno.	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	33 88 28 160	"	913	960	May 1866	May	1866	3
Wakeman, H. W.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	33 88 38 80	Common	364	560	Oct. 1868	October	1868	3
White, V. T.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw of ne	19 87 26 10	Very good	847	50	July 1866	July 1850	1866	3

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Walstrom, Jno....	s ½ of sw.....	27 187	26		80	Very good.	\$ 615	\$ 400	Claim.....	Nov. 1867	Novem. 1867		\$ 300		4
Wagner, Jno. W....	ne of se.....	25 85	28		40	Light.....	191	330	"	Mar. 1866	March " 1866		270		4
Wagner, William.	ne ½.....	25 85	28		160	"	258	1280	"	"	"		1080		4
Waybert, Fred'k...	s ½ of se and nw of se.....	25 85	28		120	Common ..	594	720	"	"	"		570		4
Wiedrick, Jno....	se of sw and s ½ of ne of sw.....	25 85	27	19 84	60	Light.....	254	900	"	1868	" 1868		825		4

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Anderson, Andrew	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	31	86	27	78.70	Good.....	885	360	Claim.....	Mar. 1869	March 1869		262		1
Abel, August.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	33	87	28	80	Poor.....	337	560	"	June 1869	June 1869	Bo't.....	460	.....	1
*Aseroid, A. P.....	nw of se.	7	90	28	40	Fair.....	330	400	"	"	"	"	350	.....	1
Arneson, H.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	13	81	27	80	Light.....	275	560	"	"	"	"	460	.....	2
†Auldridge, Alvin.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	9	85	26	80	Good.....	550	890	"	May 1869	May 1869	Bo't.....	700	.....	2
Albee, D. W.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	7	83	27	160	"	1118	1920	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1871	"	1720	.....	2
Anholb, Jno.....	ne of nw.	15	85	27	160	Fair.....	263	130	"	June 1869	June 1869	.....	70	.....	2
Anderson, Andrew	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	17	87	28	80	Light.....	305	640	Quit claim deed	Dec. 1869	Dec. 1869	.....	540	.....	3
†Aeling, Fred k.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.	13	87	28	80	Good.....	518	730	"	May 1869	May 1869	Bo't.....	620	.....	3
Ackerson, A.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$ of se.	1	85	28	161.21	Fair.....	1259	1259	Claim.....	J'ne 1869	June 1869	.....	1087	.....	3
Anderson, Lewis.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.	25	82	27	80	Light.....	327	560	"	1866	1866	.....	460	.....	4
Buttenhegck, H.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	11	89	28	160	Medium.....	774	1280	"	J'ne 1869	June 1869	.....	1080	.....	1
Bulkley, Thos.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	25	80	28	160	Very poor	89	1280	"	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1868	.....	1080	.....	1
Brundage, J N.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	13	87	28	160	Poor.....	822	1280	"	May 1869	May 1869	.....	1080	.....	1
Baker, Levi G.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	27	91	28	80	Fair.....	290	560	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869	.....	460	.....	1
Brennen, Thos.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	9	89	28	80	Fair.....	419	720	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869		620		2
Burke, Wm.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of ne.	1	88	28	160	Small.....	382	1120	"	Apr. 1869	April 1869		920		2

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Burbis, Wm	n 1/2 and se of se.	19 88 27	120	Common	\$ 577	Quit claim deed	720	July 1869	July 1865	1869					
*Boomer, A. F.	e 1/2 of se.	15 87 28	80	Light	200	"	720	Sept. 1869	Sept. 1866	1869	.....	Bo't.	\$ 170	.....	.....
Buckley, Cornelius	nw of sw	27 81 6	40	Fair	245	Claim	283	Mar. 1870	March 1870	.....	.....	.....	230	.....	.....
Barquist, Jno.	ne 1/4	13 85 23	160	Light	417	"	990	May 1869	May 1868	1869	.....	.....	760	.....	.....
Bergman, Henry	sw 1/4	19 85 27	162 60	EX. good	1947	"	813	June 1869	June 1869	1869	.....	.....	610	.....	.....
Bagstrom, Erick	e 1/2 of ne	27 87 26	80	Common	600	"	400	Oct. 1869	Oct. 1869	1869	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Bocklan, A. E.	s 1/2 of se	27 87 26	80	Fair	495	"	400	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	1869	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Bellon, Jno.	ne 1/4	25 85 28	160	Good	804	"	1380	"	"	1869	.....	.....	1080	.....	.....
Bradley, Ole.	sw 1/4	23 81 28	160	Poor	481	"	960	1869	1869	1869	.....	.....	760	.....	.....
Christenson, Mathi	e 1/2 of ne	25 88 27	80	"	379	Quit claim deed	400	1869	1869	1869	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Check, Jno.	e 1/2 of ne	31 82 25	80	"	350	Claim	640	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	1869	.....	.....	540	.....	.....
Carlson, C. H.	s 1/2 of nw	11 86 26	80	Common	426	"	426	June 1869	June 1869	1869	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Callaghan, Michael	n 1/2 of nw	35 89 28	50	"	528	Quit claim deed	800	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	1870	.....	.....	700	.....	.....
Chapman, D	w 1/2 of nw and se of nw and sw of ne	1 86 28	156 50	Fair	567	Claim	1252	Aug. 1869	August 1869	1869	.....	.....	1087	.....	.....
Calhil, Dennis.	se 1/4	24 90 28	160	Light	332	"	1280	June 1869	June 1869	1869	.....	.....	1080	.....	.....
Grimmins, T.	sw 1/4	9 88 23	160	Common	539	"	1280	"	"	1869	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
Connelly, Michael	sw 1/4	15 88 23	160	Common	581	"	1280	"	"	1869	.....	.....	1080	.....	.....
Cathill, James	e 1/2 of se	5 89 28	80	Fair	906	"	800	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	1870	.....	Bo't.	700	.....	.....
Claussen, L.	se 1/4	1 85 23	160	Common	605	"	960	Feb. 1869	Feb. 1869	1869	.....	Bo't.	760	.....	.....
Carlson, John	e 1/2 of sw	5 85 27	80	Fair	492	"	400	Mar. 1869	March 1869	1869	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
Connelly, Margaret	se 1/4	33 92 23	160	Common	483	"	480	Feb. 1869	Feb. 1869	1869	.....	.....	280	.....	.....
Caln, Wm. H.	w 1/2 of sw and w 1/2 of w 1/2 of e 1/2 of sw 1/4	31 83 25	70	Good	745	"	420	Mar. 1869	March 1869	1869	.....	.....	333	.....	.....
Danstrim, L. P.	sw of sw	19 83 27	43 04	Light	234	"	1071	Sept. 1869	Sept. 1869	1869	.....	.....	53	.....	.....
Dougherty, John P.	nw 1/4	9 88 29	160	"	366	"	1200	J'ne 1869	June 1869	1869	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
Dunan, Edward	ne 1/4	9 88 29	160	"	415	"	1200	"	"	1869	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....
Dawberg, Gustaf.	n 1/2 of se	7 85 27	80	Very light.	129	"	480	May 1870	May 1870	1870	.....	.....	880	.....	.....
Eslick, J. D.	lot no 2	21 87 27	51 75	Very poor.	136	"	275	May 1869	May 1869	1869	.....	.....	210	.....	.....
Eaton, Stephen	w 1/2 of ne and e 1/2 of nw	33 89 27	160	Medium	621	"	960	J'ne 1869	June 1869	1869	.....	.....	760	.....	.....
Fox, Jno.	e 1/2 of se and nw of se.	33 87 23	120	Poor	330	"	840	"	"	1869	.....	.....	690	Sued	.....
Fuller, D. R.	e 1/2 of se.	29 88 23	80	"	288	Quit claim deed	640	Jan. 1869	Jan. 1869	1869	.....	.....	540	.....	.....

Farrelly, Hugh.....	sw of ne.....	31 84 26	40	Poor.....	203	400	Quit claim deed.....	1869	Oct. 1869	Oct.	1869	Oct.	350	1
Goley, Wm. C.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	1 88 28	195.08	Light.....	299	780	Claim.....	1870	Mar. 1870	March	1870	March	5 0	2
Ford, F.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	31 88 27	80	Fair.....	202	320	Quit claim deed.....	1869	Sept. 1869	Sept.	1869	Sept.	270	2
Freeze, Jno.....	se of se.....	31 85 27	40	Fair.....	373	320	Claim.....	1869	May 1869	May	1869	May	270	4
Garrett, Timothy.....	se of se, and lot 4.....	17 87 27	69.35	Medium.....	546	198	Quit claim deed.....	1870	Mar. 1870	March	1870	March	111	1
Gibson, Pleasant.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	13 83 26	160	".....	430	1280	Claim.....	1869	Nov. 1869	Nov.	1869	Nov.	1080	1
Goskelson, Lewis.....	sw of ne.....	15 98 27	40	Fair.....	233	240	".....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	190	3
Greene, C. J.....	of nw, and se of ne.....	9 86 27	120	Light.....	229	720	Quit claim deed.....	1870	Feb.	"	1870	Feb.	5 0	3
Grasshart, Adam.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	3 86 27	74.01	Good.....	626	640	Claim.....	1869	July 1869	July	1869	July	548	3
Hannon, Robert.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	9 87 27	80	Poor.....	411	640	".....	1870	Apr. 1870	April	1870	April	540	1
Haroldson, Jno.....	se of sw.....	33 86 27	40	Medium.....	5 0	200	".....	1870	May 1870	May	1870	May	150	1
Hanson, Ole.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	21 90 28	80	Light.....	136	400	".....	1870	May 1870	May	1870	May	300	2
Headstrom, L. N.....	se $\frac{1}{4}$	13 86 28	160	Very good.....	281	610	Quit claim deed.....	1869	July 1869	July	1869	July	440	2
Huterson, A.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	13 81 27	80	Fair.....	500	640	Claim.....	1869	Aug. 1869	Aug.	1869	Aug.	540	2
Hennessey, Patrick.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	5 80 26	95	".....	442	570	".....	1869	Oct. 1869	Oct.	1869	Oct.	432	2
Hettzel, Peter J.....	nw of sw, and sw of nw.....	31 82 25	91.55	Good.....	869	915	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	801	2
Hinds, Peter.....	e of nw.....	23 82 27	40	Light.....	118	280	".....	1870	May 1870	May	1870	May	230	2
Harlocker, Wm.....	o $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	31 84 7	80	Very good.....	1985	960	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	860	2
Henderson, I. M.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	9 87 26	80	Good.....	1127	960	Quit claim deed.....	1869	Sept. 1869	Sept.	1869	Sept.	860	3
Hallock, Burton.....	ne of se.....	13 83 27	40	Light.....	349	120	Claim.....	1869	Oct. 1869	Oct.	1869	Oct.	70	1
Hogenson, Mathias.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	25 88 27	80	Common.....	478	480	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	380	2
Hem, Jno.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.....	19 83 25	80	Fair.....	368	640	".....	1869	Oct. 1869	Oct.	1869	Oct.	540	2
Holebrook, Reuben.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	27 83 27	80	".....	443	400	".....	1869	Mar. 1869	March	1869	March	3 0	2
Intermill, C.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se, and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	23 87 28	160	Good.....	780	1760	".....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	1560	1
Iverson, Alexander.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	35 88 27	80	Fair.....	407	400	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	300	2
Jacobson, G. A.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	25 82 27	80	Light.....	333	720	".....	1869	Dec. 1869	Dec.	1869	Dec.	6 0	2
Johnson, Andrew.....	sw of sw.....	15 86 36	40	".....	124	890	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	830	1
Johnson, G. J.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	17 81 36	160	".....	180	1000	".....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	1400	2
Johnson, A.....	ne of ne.....	17 81 26	40	Fair.....	300	324	".....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	270	2
Johnson, A.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.....	17 83 21	80	Poor.....	161	820	".....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	220	2
Johnson, Chas.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	15 82 27	160	Fair.....	729	1280	".....	1869	Feb. 1869	Feb.	1869	Feb.	1080	2
Johnson, Olof.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	13 86 27	80	Good.....	855	480	Quit claim deed.....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	350	3
Johnson, C. K.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw.....	27 91 98	160	Common.....	634	560	Claim.....	1869	June 1869	June	1869	June	360	3
Johnson, L.....	se $\frac{1}{4}$	3 86 26	160	Light.....	478	860	".....	1869	Aug. 1869	Aug.	1869	Aug.	600	4
Jacobson, Jno.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	27 91 28	160	Poor.....	344	1120	".....	1869	May 1869	May	1869	May	920	4
Johnson, Peter.....	ne of nw.....	3 82 27	40.09	".....	133	320	".....	1869	May 1869	May	1869	May	270	1
Knudson, Ole.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	21 90 28	160	Very poor.....	152	800	".....	1869	May 1869	May	1869	May	600	4
Knack, Joseph.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	1 86 28	80	Light.....	360	400	".....	1869	Apr. 1869	April	1869	April	300	1
Knudson, Osmand.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	33 91 28	160	Very light.....	425	1920	".....	1869	May 1869	May	1869	May	920	8
Lohr, Michael.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	21 89 28	160	Good.....	1158	1920	".....	1869	"	"	1869	"	1720	3
Landreth, Henry.....	nw of nw, and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se.....	21 87 27	120	Poor.....	369	880	Quit claim deed.....	1870	Mar. 1870	March	1870	March	730	1

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NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation	No. of book.
Larson, Torger	ne 1/4	11 90 28	160	Light			\$ 595	\$ 640	Claim	Ang. 1869	August 1869		\$ 640		2
Ladel, O. C.	sw of sw	7 81 26	83	Fair			270	330	"	June 1870	June 1870		289		2
Lingren, O.	nw of nw	12 83 27	40	Poor			94	306	"	May 1869	May 1869		270		2
Larson, C. V.	s 1/2 of nw	15 86 27	80	"			200	200	"	Sep. 1869	Sept. 1869		100		2
*Lobeck, Otto	ne 1/4	3 83 23	151.56	Good			1025	1130	Quit claim deed	Oct. 1869	October 1869	Bo't.	931		3
Leonard, Patrick	ne 1/4	11 92 28	160	Very poor			40	900	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869		600		3
Lindell, Jno.	ne of ne	1 85 28	40	Good			516	200	Claim	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869		150		3
Lackey, Jno.	ne of sw and lot no. 5	35 84 27	100.06	Light			289	350	"	May 1870	May 1870		180		4
Morrison, James	ne of se and lot no. 3	17 87 27	79.45	Poor			316	240	"	July 1869	July 1869		141		1
Mangumson, Pete	nw of nw	3 82 27	40.09	Good			139	320	"	May 1869	May 1869		270		1
Milder, Christian	w 1/2 of se	7 86 27	80	Fair			572	480	"	Apr. 1869	April 1869		380		2
Murphy, William	ne of ne	33 81 26	40	Good			338	200	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869		150		2
Murphy, Cornelius	ne 1/4	1 88 28	194.02	Light			564	1358	Quit claim deed	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869		1117		3
Minton, H. P.	ne 1/4	5 87 28	177.49	"			376	128	Claim	Nov. 1869	June '67	Nov '69	1183		3
Norstrum, S. A.	ne of se and 1/2 of se of ne	29 87 28	60	Medium			429	360	"	July 1869	July 1869		285		1
Newman, C. E.	n 1/2 of sw	3 86 26	80	Good			768	480	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869		380		3
Nelse, Jno.	e 1/2 of sw	17 83 27	80	Poor			174	480	"	Apr. 1869	April 1869		380		4
Oleson, Hans	e 1/2 of nw	25 88 27	80	Medium			407	480	"	1869	1869		380		1
Oleson, Nelse	w 1/2 of ne	25 88 27	80	Poor			525	480	"	1869	1869		380		1
Oleson, Anders	w 1/2 of sw	23 83 27	80	"			312	240	"	1868	1868		140		1
Oleson, Christian	w 1/2 of se	21 90 28	80	Light			300	640	"	June 1869	June 1869		540		2
Ophem, Knud L.	nw 1/4	33 91 28	160	"			350	1120	"	May 1869	May 1869		920		3
Pries, Jno.	w 1/2 of se	13 87 28	80	Poor			116	800	"	June 1869	June 1869		700		1
Peterson, Christian	w 1/2 of se	18 83 27	80	"			139	560	"	Nov. 1869	Nov. 1869		460		2
Peterson, Peter	nw 1/4	3 90 28	160.15	Light			854	1040	"	Apr. 1869	April 1869		840		2
Peterson, Jno	sw 1/4	11 90 28	160	"			425	1120	"	July 1869	July 1869		920		2
Powers, J. E.	nw 1/4	29 88 27	160	"			577	960	"	Sep. 1869	Sept. 1869		766		2
Phil, Jno.	w 1/2 of se	25 86 28	80	Fair			384	440	"	May 1869	May 1869		340		2
Payne, Thos.	e 1/2 of ne	1 83 26	50.40	Good			388	605	"	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	Bo't.	542		2
Fringie, Martin B.	w 1/2 of ne and nw of ne	9 87 26	80	Very poor			110	400	Quit claim deed	1869	1869		300		3
Peterson, Jno.	w 1/2 of ne and nw of ne	31 85 27	120	Good			996	960	Claim	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869		810		4
Peterson, P. G.	n 1/2 of nw	29 85 27	80	Fair			465	400	"	"	"		800		4

Price, Arthusa...	e 1/2 of sw.	3 87 23	80	Poor.....	171	480	Claim.....	Oct. 1869	October 1869	880	1
Rungquist, Peter...	w 1/2 of nw.	27 83 27	80	Common.....	454	320	"	Mar. 1870	March 1870	220	2
Randall, Job.....	e 1/2 of nw.	9 87 26	80	Good.....	787	520	"	Oct. 1869	Oct. 1869	420	1
Ruckel, Daniel.....	s 1/2 of nw.	25 89 28	80	Light.....	242	800	"	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	700	2
Ryan, Matthew.....	n 1/2 of sw of ne.	29 88 27	80	Fair.....	890	480	Quit claim deed.....	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1865, 1869	455	2
Bear, H. A.....	s 1/2 of ne.	1 81 27	40	"	465	640	Claim.....	May 1869	May 1867, 1869	540	2
Beard, Knud.....	sw of se.	1 81 27	40	Light.....	210	280	"	"	"	230	3
Rapp, Jacob, jr.....	nw 1/4	25 85 28	160	Medium.....	463	1280	"	July 1869	July 1869	1080	4
Schoendemann, J.....	nw 1/4	25 87 28	160	Medium.....	510	1610	"	May 1870	May 1870	1400	1
Sullivan, James.....	se 1/4	21 81 26	160	Very good.....	2653	1280	"	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	1080	2
Scharmaker, Peter.....	ne 1/4	25 80 28	160	Good.....	532	1280	"	Apr. 1869	Apr. 1869	1080	1
Sas, Jno.....	se 1/4	27 87 8	160	Good.....	1033	1120	"	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	920	1
Smith, Francis C.....	nw 1/4	35 87 27	160	Medium.....	832	640	"	Nov. 1869	Nov 1866, 1869	540	1
Severson, Annie.....	w 1/2 of se and e 1/2 of sw.	15 88 27	160	Fair.....	700	1280	"	May 1869	May 1869	1080	2
Shutes, Laura E.....	e 1/2 of nw and w 1/2 of ne.	7 83 25	160	Light.....	517	1130	"	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	920	2
Shay, Ellisha G.....	w 1/2 of ne.	31 84 27	80	Very good.....	1537	1280	"	July 1869	July 1869	1180	2
Sherman, F.....	ne 1/4	7 86 27	160	Fair.....	995	1280	"	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1856, 1869	760	3
Smith, O. M.....	ne 1/4	35 87 27	160	Light.....	629	960	Quit claim deed.....	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1869	540	3
Sigerson, James.....	s 1/2 of se	27 81 26	80	"	218	640	Claim.....	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	540	3
Swanson, August.....	se of ne.	1 85 28	40	Good.....	530	200	"	" 1870	" 1870	540	3
Seashore, Chas.....	n 1/2 of se.	11 85 28	80	Fair.....	674	640	"	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	141	3
Stoddard, James A.....	lot no. 3.	15 87 27	51.40	Light.....	385	205	"	Feb. 1870	Feb. 1868, 1870	230	4
Shehrholtz, Peter.....	nw of ne and n part of sw of ne	7 84 27	50	"	317	320	"	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1869	300	4
Shehrholtz, Hans.....	n 1/2 of se.	7 84 27	80	"	255	400	"	May 1870	May 1866, 1870	288	4
Swanberg, Mrs. M.....	lot no. 6.	21 86 7	63.72	Poor.....	150	318	"	Apr. 1869	Apr. 1869	920	1
Thompson, E. H.....	nw 1/4	27 91 28	160	Medium.....	463	1130	"	Apr. 1869	Apr. 1869	644	2
Toby, Michael.....	nw 1/4	31 89 27	171.39	Common.....	526	858	"	June 1869	June 1869	300	2
Tolson, Michael C.....	n 1/2 of se.	25 88 27	80	"	563	400	"	May 1870	May 1870	1000	2
Treanor, Patrick.....	se 1/4	9 88 29	160	Poor.....	164	1200	"	Mar. 1869	Mar. 1853, 1869	274	3
Thunen, G. G.....	n 1/4 of nw.	7 87 27	73	Light.....	128	365	Claim.....	Apr. 1870	Apr. 1870	760	3
Thurgren, J. W.....	se 1/4	1 85 27	190	Light.....	481	960	Quit claim deed.....	"	"	1080	4
Treman, W. L.....	e 1/2 of sw.	35 82 27	80	Good.....	73	800	"	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1869	920	3
Taylor, Seth.....	ne 1/4	15 88 29	160	Medium.....	541	1280	Claim.....	June 1869	June 1869	844	2
Urban, Peter.....	sw 1/4	21 88 29	160	Light.....	345	1130	"	Sep. 1869	Sep. 1869	380	2
Vinsand, A. K.....	sw 1/4	3 90 28	160	Fair.....	750	1044	"	Aug. 1869	Aug. 1869	1400	2
Van Valkenberg, J.....	e 1/2 of se.	27 88 28	160	Common.....	577	480	Quit claim deed.....	July 1869	July 1869	345	3
Williamson, Ole.....	nw 1/4	1 90 28	160	Light.....	383	1600	Claim.....	May 1869	May 1869	470	3
Westring, Gustaf.....	nw of ne and n 1/2 of ne of ne.	29 87 28	60	Very good.....	1521	420	"	Apr. 1869	Apr. 1869	260	3
Westring, Jno. W.....	nw of nw	17 87 28	40	Fair.....	302	830	"	"	"	460	3
Wilcox, Joseph W.....	s 1/2 of sw.	23 83 27	80	Good.....	726	590	"	"	"	"	3

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DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

FIFTH CLASS.

NAMES.	Part of Sec.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of Improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
Alexander, M. L.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	18	87	27	80	Poor	240	820	Claim.	June 1871	June 1871	.....	220	.....	3
Anderson, A. H.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	3	87	28	99.38	Fair	715	1300	Quit claim deed.	Feb. 1871	Feb. 1863	1871	1176	.....	3
Aldrich, E. A.	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	9	87	26	80	Poor	180	480	"	May 1871	May 1871	.....	380	.....	4
Anderson, Peter.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	9	86	26	80	Poor	99	480	Claim.	Apr. 1871	April 1871	.....	380	.....	3
Akers, Emily L.	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	25	84	28	160	Light	663	1600	Quit claim deed.	Oct. 1870	Oct. 1870	.....	1400	.....	4
Armendson, A.	se $\frac{1}{4}$	19	83	26	160	Light	545	1120	"	Oct. 1871	"	1871	920	.....	4
Archibald, Jno.	sw of nw and lot 4	35	84	27	73	"	382	232	Claim.	Apr. 1872	April 1872	.....	201	.....	4
Bremmen, D.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	25	87	28	160	Medium	774	1600	Quit claim deed.	Sep. 1871	Sept. 1871	.....	1400	.....	1
Blake, James.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	13	37	27	80	Poor	160	480	Quit claim deed.	Jan. 1871	Jan. 1851	1871	380	.....	2
Bateman, Jno. P.	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	13	37	27	80	Common	555	910	Claim.	Aug. 1871	Mr. '69 Aug. '71	.....	849	.....	2
Bowman, Jno. S.	sw of ne.	19	83	25	40	Poor	157	320	"	Nov. 1871	Jun. '65 Nov. '71	.....	270	.....	2
Beech, Alexander.	nw of nw, and lot no. 1.	17	87	27	77.85	Light	124	544	"	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1854	1870	447	.....	3
Borg, Olaf.	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw.	3	86	26	72.85	Poor	276	437	"	Feb. 1872	Feb. 1866	1871	346	.....	3
Bargstrom, Jno.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	21	83	27	160	Light	461	1446	"	Aug. 1870	Nv. '65 Aug. '70	.....	1240	.....	4
Coleman, David.	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne.	25	87	27	80	Poor	267	320	Quit claim deed.	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1871	.....	220	.....	1
Christoferson, N.	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	17	90	28	160	Very poor.	87	1130	Claim.	July 1870	July 1870	.....	920	.....	4
Clarke, E. C.	nw of se.	17	84	27	40	Fair	286	560	"	Mar. 1872	March 1872	.....	610	.....	2

Orandall, S. W.....	nw of se, and ne of sw.....	17 88 27	80	Common ..	365	640	Quit-claim deed.....	Sep. 1870	Jun. '54 Sp. '70	.....	540	3
Carpenter, V. C.....	ne of nw, and lot no. 5.....	23 87 27	86.55	Light	293	257	Claim.....	"	"	"	149	3
Coomber, Geo.....	w½ of se, and w½ of e½ of se.....	21 88 28	120	Good.....	639	960	Quit claim deed.....	Feb. 1871	Feb. 1864 1871	.....	810	3
*Christensen, J. C.....	w½ of ne.....	9 84 27	80	"	736	800	Claim.....	Oct. 1871	May '67 Oc. '71	Bo't.	700	3
Chengren, Jno.....	sw¼.....	1 53 27	160	Light	439	960	"	"	Oct. 1870	.....	760	3
Clark, Elmer & Obas.....	w½ of sw.....	1 53 27	80	Common	359	800	Quit claim deed.....	Jan. 1873	Jy '68 Jn. '72	.....	700	3
Carpenter, R. H.....	uw¼.....	29 84 27	160	Light	480	1440	Claim.....	Aug. 1870	Jan. '68 Aug. '70	.....	1240	4
Callison, Gusoff.....	s½ of se.....	7 85 27	80	"	270	480	"	Jan. 1871	Feb. '66 Jn. '71	.....	880	4
Dugger, Jno. W.....	sw¼.....	5 87 27	160	"	419	800	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1865 1871	.....	600	1
Dougherty, P.....	w½ of ne.....	23 88 28	80	Medium	456	800	"	May 1870	Ap. '68 My '70	.....	700	1
Defrance, D. C.....	sw of sw.....	23 88 28	40	Common ..	263	240	"	Oct. 1870	.....	1870	190	1
Dowell, R. H.....	lot no. 4.....	23 87 27	85.30	"	378	105	"	"	Oct. 1865 1870	.....	61	3
Defrance, M. P.....	s½ of sw.....	5 86 27	80	Light.....	203	320	"	July 1870	July 1866 1870	.....	220	3
Erickson, A. M.....	w½ of sw.....	19 89 27	76.45	Medium.....	549	520	"	July 1870	July 1866 1870	.....	425	3
Evans, Robert H.....	ne of nw.....	21 87 26	40	Common ..	850	100	"	"	1871 July 1866 1871	.....	5	Sued
Elliot, C. P.....	n½ of ne.....	23 87 27	80	Light	309	320	"	Dec. 1871	Dec. 1868 1871	.....	220	3
Ewing, W. S.....	ne of nw.....	17 87 27	40	Poor	152	280	"	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1854 1870	.....	230	3
Erickson, Lars.....	n½ of sw.....	13 85 28	80	Fair.....	453	480	"	Jy 'ne 1810	Jy. '68 Ju. '70	.....	380	3
Erickson, J. & A. & Jno. Peterson.....	nw¼.....	5 85 27	162.29	Light.....	438	974	"	July 1870	Jun. '67 Jy '70	.....	771	3
Engall, A.....	ne of ne.....	11 83 27	40	Poor	167	320	"	Jan. 1872	Jan. 1872	.....	270	2
Fry, William.....	w½ of ne.....	11 87 27	80	"	130	241	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1854 1871	.....	140	1
Fuller, H. H.....	n½ of s½ of nw.....	11 87 27	80	"	898	400	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1860 1871	.....	350	1
Flemming, F.....	sw¼.....	19 87 27	40	Fair.....	527	1350	"	Dec. 1871	Dec. 1865 1871	.....	1163	1
Fossen, Jans H.....	s½ of se.....	27 91 28	80	Very poor.	80	560	"	1871	.....	1871	460	1
Fuller, James.....	e½ of se.....	11 87 27	80	Poor	291	280	Quit-claim deed.....	Feb. 1873	Feb. 1868 1872	.....	180	2
Friel, Patrick.....	nw¼.....	31 89 25	173.87	Light.....	541	1210	Claim.....	Mar. 1871	Jun. '68 Mr. '71	.....	994	2
Frederick, Wencel.....	w½ of ne.....	21 88 29	80	Very poor..	80	560	"	June 1871	June 1871	.....	460	3
Fry, Charles.....	e½ of ne.....	19 85 27	80	Poor	237	480	"	Feb. 1872	Feb. 70 Feb. '72	.....	380	2
Gage, Edward.....	no.....	5 86 26	132.64	Common ..	205	1068	"	Apr. 1872	April 1869-72	.....	877	2
Geltzman, Henry.....	w½ of ne.....	3 8 8	26	80	497	560	"	Sept. 1870	Jan. '68 Sp. '70	Bo't.	460	2
†Goltry, H. M.....	sw¼.....	1 86 28	160	Good.....	1089	1280	"	Aug. 1870	Aug. 1870	.....	1080	3
Gloye, J. U.....	w½ of sw, and w½ of se of sw.....	17 84 27	100	Fair.....	534	1200	Quit claim deed.....	Jan 1872	Jan. 1872	.....	1075	3
Garlick, John.....	e½ of nw, and w½ of ne.....	1 83 28	101.39	Fair.....	853	811	"	Oct. 1871	My '68 Oc. '71	.....	684	4
Hart, David.....	e½ of se.....	13 87 28	80	Medium	555	400	Claim.....	Aug. 1870	Oct. '68 Aug. '70	.....	300	1
Harper, Jno.....	w½ of nw.....	23 88 28	80	Fair.....	489	640	"	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1870	.....	540	1
Handy, Albert.....	se¼.....	35 89 28	160	Poor.....	232	1440	"	Oct. 1871	Nov. '68 Oc. '71	.....	1210	2
Howe, James M.....	n½ of sw.....	5 84 27	80	Light.....	170	640	"	Aug. 1871	Jun. '68 Aug. '71	.....	540	2
Harms, Charles.....	sw¼.....	29 84 27	160	Good.....	837	1600	"	Aug. 1871	Jan. '68 Aug. '71	.....	1401	3
Hagge, Claus.....	e½ of se.....	19 84 27	80	Light.....	187	480	"	Feb. 1872	Ap. '68 Feb. '72	.....	380	3
Hagge, Hans.....	w½ of se, and sw of ne.....	19 84 27	120	Very light.	171	1440	Quit claim deed.....	Feb. 1872	Feb. 1872		1980	3

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NAMES.	Part of Section.			Range.	Township.	Section.	Number of acres.	Character of improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE.	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
	s 1/2 ne.	nw 1/4.	sw 1/4.														
Hill, Wm. A.	s 1/2 ne.			15 87 27	60.75	Light.	883	Good.	\$ 318	\$ 241	Claim.	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1854, 1871		\$ 166		8
Hedland, Peter.	nw 1/4.			33 87 36	160	Good.	883	Good.	1220	"	"	Sep. "	Sep. 1864, 1870		920		8
Holloway, Dan. A.	s 1/2 of sw.			25 83 27	80	Very poor.	832	Very poor.	800	"	"	June 1870	Sep. 1861, 1870		700	Sued	2
Isaacson, A. I.	nw of se.			13 85 28	40	Very poor.	60	Very poor.	220	"	"	July 1870	June 1870		170		2
Jacobson, Jacob.	w 1/2 of nw frac 1/4			3 87 27	89.19	Medium.	467	Medium.	312	"	"	July 1870	July 1870		201		2
James, J. C.	ne 1/4.			3 84 26	197	Light.	446	Light.	1976	"	"	Apr. 1871	Apr. 1871		1721		1
Jesse, Jno.	e 1/2 of sw.			11 82 27	80	Fair.	351	Fair.	640	"	"	May 1871	Jan. 1871		540		2
Jones, Thomas.	w 1/2 of nw.			17 88 27	80	Light.	206	Light.	640	"	"	May 1871	May 1856, 1871		540		2
Johnson, Broch.	e 1/2 of sw.			17 81 35	80	Light.	326	Light.	640	"	"	Sep. 1871	Sep. 1866, 1871		540	Sued	3
Johnson, C. F.	se of ne and ne of se.			23 85 28	80	"	131	"	480	"	"	Apr. 1871	Apr. 1871		380		3
Johnson, J. A.	s 1/2 of se.			11 85 28	86	Very poor.	61	Very poor.	480	"	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1870		380	Sued	3
* Jensen, R.	ne 1/4.			11 85 28	160	Common.	631	Common.	1120	"	"	June 1870	June 1870	pt. b't	920		3
Johnson, Cora	s 1/2 of se			33 87 25	80	Fair.	586	Fair.	480	"	"	"	Jun. 1866, 1870		380		3
Jacobson, Abrah.	w 1/2 of ne.			31 82 25	80	Medium.	752	Medium.	800	"	"	Jan. 1873	Ja. '68, Ja. '72		706		4
Kittlen, Niels.	se 1/4 of ne.			5 90 28	160	Light.	800	Light.	1600	Quit claim deed.	"	Apr. 1871	Apr. 1871		1400		3
Kerns, Geo.	w 1/2 of nw.			31 83 27	82.54	Good.	730	Good.	660	Claim.	"	Nov. 1871	Ap. 69 No. 71	Bo't.	557		3
Klitz, Wm.	e 1/2 of sw.			15 82 27	80	Poor.	617	Poor.	640	"	"	July 1870	J'n 68, July 70		540		4
Lundberg, Andrew	se of nw.			17 87 28	40	Poor.	242	Poor.	280	"	"	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1870		230		1
Lindstrum, A. P.	nw 1/4.			19 88 28	151.08	"	332	"	1208	Quit claim deed.	"	May 1871	May 1868, 1871		1020		1
Lind, Christian.	sw 1/4.			35 91 28	160	"	270	"	960	Claim.	"	Dec. 1870	Dec. 1870		762		1
Leightner, F.	s 1/2 of nw.			7 87 26	68.82	Medium.	481	Medium.	418	"	"	Dec. 1871	Dec. 1867, 1871		827		1
Larson, Arne.	e 1/2 of se.			7 81 26	80	Fair.	457	Fair.	800	"	"	Apr. 1871	Ap. 1866, 1871		700		2
Liska, Anton.	w 1/4 of ne.			27 88 29	80	Very poor.	65	Very poor.	560	"	"	July 1871	July 1871		460		3
Liska, Thomas.	ne 1/4.			17 88 29	160	Poor.	252	Poor.	1120	"	"	Sep. 1871	July 69, Sep. 71		920		3
Larson, Jacob.	se 1/4.			21 91 28	160	Light.	366	Light.	1120	"	"	June 1871	June 1871		920		3
Lalner, James W.	se of se.			19 83 26	40	Medium.	211	Medium.	120	"	"	Oct. 1870	Oct. 1868, 1870		70		2
Myers, DeWitt.	s 1/2 of ne.			13 87 27	80	Poor.	437	Poor.	140	"	"	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1865, 1871		90		1
McFarland, Robert.	nw of se.			7 87 27	40	Poor.	254	Poor.	400	"	"	Sep. 1870	Sep. 1870		300		1
Mertz, Mrs. Jane.	w 1/2 of se.			11 87 28	80	Medium.	450	Medium.	640	"	"	May 1871	Oct. '66, May '71		540		1
Marshall, B. S.	w 1/2 of sw and ne			29 88 28	120	"	515	"	840	"	"	Apr. 1871	Oct. '66, Apr. '71		690		1
Morse, Eliza A.	sw of nw.			27 87 27	40	Poor.	268	Poor.	400	"	"	Jan. 1872	Jan. 1855, 1872		350		1
Morse, H. and A. F.	se of se.			27 87 27	40	"	830	"	830	"	"	original	1865		270		1
Mackin, Paul.	w 1/2 of sw.			29 88 27	80	Fair.	578	Fair.	560	Quit claim deed.	"	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1864, 1870		460		2
Mabery, Alexander	n 1/2 of ne.			25 88 28	80	Poor.	498	Poor.	450	Claim.	"	"	"		380		2

McCollen, Isaac.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	25 84 28 160	Light.....	531	1440	Quit-claim deed.....	Oct. 1871	An. '68	Oct. '71	1240	4	
Munson, A. J.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	25 82 27 80	Poor.....	252	730	Claim.....	May 1871	May 1866	1871	620	1	
+ Nelson, Carel.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	23 86 27 80	"	283	400	"	Jan. 1871	Jan. 1871	1871	300	1	
Nesse, F. M.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	23 87 26 80	Medium.....	346	480	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1857	1871	880	1	
Nesse, Jno. H.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	21 87 26 80	Poor.....	194	163	Quit-claim deed.....	Oct. 1872	Jan. 1861	1872	62	3	
Noonholm, J. E.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	21 83 27 80	Common	400	560	Claim.....	Apr. 1871	Apr. 1868	1871	460	2	
Osberg, Lars.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	21 82 25 160	Medium.....	517	1440	Quit-claim deed.....	Sep. 1871	Jun. '69	Sp. '71	1240	2	
Oleson, Jacob.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	9 90 28 160	Light.....	310	1400	Claim.....	July 1870	July 1870	1870	540	2	
Oberg, Olof.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	17 83 27 80	"	245	640	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1868	1871	70	2	
+ Oakland, H. T.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	17 81 26 80	"	200	500	"	Feb. 1872	Feb. 1868	1872	1000	2	
Ozark, J.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	21 86 29 160	"	289	1200	"	May 1871	Sp. '69	Mar. '71	383	3	
Oleson, Gustus.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	31 86 26 80	Good.....	634	480	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1866	1871	460	3	
Oberg, Hans.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	17 88 27 80	Fair.....	434	560	"	Apr. 1871	Apr. 1868	1871	140	1	
Peterson, Alex. T.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne	15 86 27 80	Medium.....	646	240	"	"	'65	"	"	1	
Phillips, Martin V.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	3 88 29 160	Poor.....	216	800	"	Sep. 1871	Sep. 1871	1871	500	3	
+ Pettybone, Olliver.....	nw of ne	23 87 28 40	Fair.....	1st-c	400	Quit-claim deed.....	Apr. 1871	April 1871	Bo't	380	3	
Peterson, Jonas.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	25 88 28 160	Poor.....	300	960	Claim.....	Aug. 1870	Jun. '69	Aug. '70	760	3	
Peterson, Solomon.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	23 85 28 160	Light.....	304	480	"	Oct. 1871	Jun. '70	Oct. '71	383	3	
Peterson, Wm. W.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of nw	19 87 26 64.44	"	271	322	Quit-claim deed.....	Jan. 1872	Sp. '52	Ja. '72	241	3	
Peterson, L. P.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	19 85 27 162.20	Poor.....	272	640	Claim.....	Oct. 1870	Oct. 1870	1870	446	4	
Ritchart, Andrew.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	38 32 25 160	Medium.....	722	1800	"	May 1871	May 1871	1871	1400	1	
Richey, G. A.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	19 62 27 80	Light.....	193	640	"	Aug. 1870	Aug. 1870	1870	540	2	
Reuter, Jacob.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	25 85 28 80	Common ..	454	640	"	Mar. 1871	March 1871	1871	540	4	
Swanson, S. E.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne of ne, n	29 87 28 40	Medium ..	424	280	"	July 1870	July 1870	1870	230	1	
Soudno, Jno. J.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	27 91 28 80	Poor.....	247	560	"	Oct. 1870	October 1870	1870	460	1	
Smith, A. C.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	19 32 27 80	Medium ..	462	810	"	June 1871	June 1871	1871	700	1	
Schoonover, J.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	1 32 27 80	"	478	640	"	May 1871	May 1871	1871	510	2	
Spencer, Wm. Sen.....	sw of se	25 83 28 40	Very poor.	50	240	"	Dec. 1870	Dec. 1867	1870	190	2	
Sanguist, Jno.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	27 86 28 80	Light.....	233	400	Quit-claim deed.....	May 1871	May 1866	1871	300	2	
+ Sheffield, E. S.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	23 82 27 100	Fair.....	914	1600	Claim.....	Jan. 1871	Jan. 1871	1871	1400	2	
Sterns, F.....	nw $\frac{1}{4}$	26 82 27 160	Good.....	1026	1600	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1850	1871	310	3	
Shaw, Alden.....	se of nw	18 33 27 40	Light.....	176	360	"	Sep. 1871	Sep. 1866	1871	340	3	
Shaffer, Jno.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	31 86 26 80	"	147	440	Quit-claim deed.....	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1871	1871	517	4	
Shannon, Robt.....	s $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	7 84 27 80.96	Poor.....	231	648	Claim.....	Aug. 1871	Aug. 1871	1871	460	4	
Schuhart, Conrad.....	n $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	5 84 27 80	Fair.....	547	560	"	Mar. 1871	March 1871	1871	1400	4	
Smith, O. W.....	ne $\frac{1}{4}$	13 82 27 160	Good.....	1006	1600	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1871	1871	1400	4	
Steinshoner, Jno. S.....	w $\frac{1}{2}$ of se, and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	18 82 27 160	Fair.....	838	1600	"	"	1870	Oct. 1866	1870	1080	2
Thomas, Owen.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$	36 33 27 160	Light.....	629	1280	"	Feb. 1871	Feb. 1871	1871	810	2	
Temuent, J. W.....	nw of ne.....	19 83 25 40	Fair.....	378	390	"	"	1872	"	1872	8	
Thomas, David P.....	e $\frac{1}{2}$ of ne, and e $\frac{1}{2}$ of se	17 87 28 160	Very poor.....	60	1290	"	Jan. 1870	Jan. 1870	1870	1050	2	
Watson, S. B.....	nw of ne.....	11 83 27 40	Common ..	277	320	"	"	1871	"	1871	1400	1
Weich, James.....	sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of nw, and w $\frac{1}{2}$ of sw	25 87 28 160	Medium.....	590	1 00	"	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1868	1871	1400	1	
		23 87 28 160	Good.....	895	1600	"						

Dispossed by order of court.

House burned Jan. 1872; not estimated in improvements.

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NAMES,	Part of Section.	Section.	Township.	Range.	Number of acres.	Character of Improvements.	Value of improvements.	Value of land.	TITLE,	Date of title.	Date of settlement.	Adverse title.	Loss of claimant.	Litigation.	No. of book.
William, Swan.....	lot no. 8.....	8 55 27	49	Medium.....	\$ 412	\$ 245	Claim.....	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1870	Nov. 1870	184	920	.....	.....	1
Wright, Jno. H.....	se ¼ of sw ¼.....	31 89 27	180	Light.....	270	120	"	Oct. 1871	Oct. 1868	1871	.....	920	.....	.....	2
Winklar, Joseph.....	w ½ of sw ¼.....	35 81 26	50	"	312	640	"	Feb. 1872	Feb. 1869	1872	.....	540	.....	.....	2
Wilcox, J. F.....	n ½ of sw ¼.....	23 83 27	80	"	338	600	"	Mar. 1871	March 1871	1871	.....	500	.....	.....	8
Wing, F. G.....	so ¼ of sw ¼.....	25 84 28	160	"	676	1600	"	Oct. 1870	October 1870	1870	.....	1400	.....	.....	4
Worden, Dean.....	w ½ of se ¼.....	85 82 27	80	Fair.....	529	800	"	Mar. 1872	J'e '68	Mar'72	.....	700	.....	.....	4
Young, Jno. S.....	sw of ne lots nos. 6 and 7.....	23 87 27	116	Light.....	448	580	Quit claim deed.....	Mar. 1871	Mar. 1866	1871	.....	435	Sued	.....	8
Zenishelk, Joseph.....	n ½ of nW.....	27 85 29	90	Poor.....	118	560	Claim.....	May 1871	May 1871	1871	.....	460	.....	.....	3

RECAPITULATION.

No. OF CLASS.	No. Claimants.	No. Acres.	Value. of Im- provements.	Value of Land.	Loss Claimants	No. Suits.
First Class.....	266	28,129.63	\$330,109	\$283,170	\$283,170	153
Second Class.....	230	26,717.77	167,357	220,687	187,064	48
Third Class.....	233	23,506.39	126,243	173,670	147,386	27
Fourth Class.....	166	16,684.92	78,480	116,462	95,909	4
Fifth Class.....	143	14,019.05	55,842	105,788	87,341	13
Total.....	1032	109,057.76	\$758,031	\$ 902,777	\$800,870	245

ADDENDA.

In the foregoing tables some discrepancies occur, owing either to inaccurate descriptions, or to conflict of claims. Most of these are, in the body of the table, referred to this addenda. A list of these discrepancies, whether so referred to or not, is given below:

Pages 16 and 17.—I. J. Mitchell and Eli Phipps are both represented as claiming the s hf of the sw qr, nw qr of sw qr, and the west 20 acres of the ne qr of sw qr, sec. 35, tp. 85, range 27. Explanations received subsequent to the preparation of the tables show that Mr. Mitchell sold the tract to Mr. Phipps, but, owing to the failure of the title, was under the necessity of refunding. Mr. P. now appears to claim the cost of litigation.

Pages 15 and 41.—E. Mayfield and J. W. Turngren claim the nw se qr of sec. 1, tp. 85, range 27. Unexplained.

Pages 24 and 25.—Samuel Jesse and N. P. Nelson appear to have rival claims to the se nw qr, sec. 23, tp. 82, range 26. Unexplained.

Pages 43 and 45.—Conrad Schuhart and James M. Howe both appear to claim n hf sw qr of sec. 5, tp. 84, range 27. Unexplained.

Page 39.—A. and G. J. Johnson both appear to claim the ne ne qr of sec. 17, tp. 81, range 27. Unexplained.

Pages 35 and 41.—Geo. Staynerson and H. A. Rear both appear to claim the s hf ne qr of sec. 1, tp. 81, range 27. Unexplained.

Pages 25 and 41.—Knud Rear and Loren Michaelson both appear to claim the sw qr of sec. 1, tp. 81, range 27. Unexplained.

ERRATA.—On pages 38 and 40, the heading should read “Fourth Class,” instead of “Third Class.”

MEMORIAL.

STATE OF IOWA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
DES MOINES, November 29, 1872.

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN
CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

I have the honor to present herewith the Memorial of Messrs. Norman H. Hart, John A. Hull, and Charles Aldrich, who were appointed Commissioners under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, of January 31, 1872, to report the losses sustained by settlers and claimants upon what is known in this State as "*Des Moines River Lands*," and also "to memorialize Congress for relief for "such settlers who have lost their lands or claims as aforesaid."

In presenting this Memorial to your honorable bodies I desire to call special attention to the history given therein of the several steps taken by the General Government and the State of Iowa that resulted in so confusing the legal status of the title to these lands as to invite the settlements and purchases out of which the hardships set forth in the Memorial have grown. The uncolored truthfulness of this history cannot fail to commend the prayer of the petitioners to the reader. The precedents cited are a part of the history of the country, and I cannot but express the hope that, in conjunction with the inherent merits of the present case, they may furnish a sufficient reason and incentive for Congress to adopt such measures as will secure good titles to these settlers; men whose faith in the government has led them to wear out the best part of their lives and to spend all their accumulations in improvements upon these lands, and to whose protection it would seem the government stands pledged by the most solemn covenants.

If a case has ever arisen, since the organization of the government, wherein land titles have become so involved, by the action of the officers having the land department in charge, as to warrant Congress in securing the rights of innocent settlers and purchasers by appropriations of money, then no argument in addition to a simple statement of the facts can strengthen, and no reference to pledges of

administrative economy can either weaken or dissipate the consideration to which these suffering claimants are entitled.

The annals of the land department of the nation fail to furnish a full parallel to the case presented by these gentlemen. No other instance can be found in the records of that department where the misinterpretation of a law, by ministerial officers, respecting the boundaries of a land-grant, has ever before produced so much suffering to settlers upon the public domain; threatening the irreparable ruin of so many families, and the desolation of so many homes.

C. C. CARPENTER, GOVERNOR.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled :

Your memorialists have been appointed Commissioners upon the part of the State of Iowa in pursuance of chapter 8, of the acts of the 14th General Assembly of that State, to investigate the claims of certain citizens of that State, growing out of the failure of the titles to their land under the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States, and to memorialize Congress for said State in their behalf.

We are not unmindful of the many worthy claims now urged upon Congress, growing out of the late disturbed condition of the country, and the numberless transactions between the government and its citizens, but the intrinsic merit of the cause we present, and the necessity for immediate action thereon, in connection with the fairness and justice of the United States towards its citizens, stimulates us in behalf of our people to ask you to extend to us the same sympathy and aid that Congress has in past time extended to other citizens similarly situated.

Our case is simply this :

The United States has sold, and granted pre-emption and homestead rights to actual settlers, on lands she claimed to own in Iowa, but which, by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *William B. Welles, vs. Hannah Riley*, determined at the December term, 1869, were not public lands; and hence, the titles of such settlers have failed.

This much said and we believe every patriot and friend of justice will extend us the helping hand; but we submit a brief history of the matter as we find it of record in support of this conclusion, in the light of which we submit to the judgment of your honorable bodies.

On the 8th day of August, 1846, (*9th St. at large, pp. 77-8,*) Congress granted to Iowa one-half of the unsold public land lying in a strip ten miles wide adjacent to the Des Moines river, to be selected in odd-numbered sections to aid in the improvement of the Navigation of the

river to the Raccoon forks thereof. The river enters the State a short distance east of the northwest corner, and runs thence diagonally across it to the southeast corner. The capital of the State (Des Moines) is about mid-length of the river, and is situated at the confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers. The lands in question lie in the strip north and west of the Capital.

On the 9th of January, 1847, the legislature of Iowa accepted the grant, and appointed agents to select the lands embraced in the grant, under the direction of Mr. Piper, Commissioner of the General Land Office. No lands were selected north and west of the Raccoon fork at this time. This construction of the grant was acquiesced in for several years, and the country north of Raccoon fork was occupied by settlers. On the 19th day of June, 1848, the President proclaimed the lands for sale at the Iowa City Land Office, on the 16th day of October, 1848. The usual notice was given to pre-emptors, and a great many made the required proof and paid for their lands. These titles had not been questioned for several years past. Many settlers were not then able to pay for their lands. However, at the request of the members of Congress from Iowa, the odd-numbered sections were not offered at public sale, and on the 2d day of March, 1849, Mr. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury, ruled that the grant of August 8th, 1846, extended to the north line of the State, and on the 1st day of June of that year, Mr. Young, Commissioner of the General Land Office, directed the local Land-offices to reserve the odd-numbered sections, within the grant above the Raccoon fork, from sale. This construction being questioned, a case was brought before Mr. Ewing, Secretary of the Interior, and on the 6th day of April, 1850, he reversed the ruling of Secretary Walker, holding that the grant did not extend above Raccoon fork. (See letter of the Secretary of the Interior to Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated April 6th, 1850.) On the 29th day of October, 1851, however, Secretary Stuart reversed this ruling, and approved selections made north of Raccoon fork. (See his letter of that date to Commissioner of the General Land Office.) These selections extend from Raccoon fork to near Fort Dodge, almost eighty miles, and are the lands now in question. In the mean time many more persons had settled upon the land; and the State had selected a large portion of them as school lands under the 500,000 acre grant of March 2d, 1849, and many of these selections had been sold by the agents of the State to actual settlers.

On the 23rd day of March, 1856, the Commissioner of the General Land Office decided that the grant of 1846 did not extend north of Raccoon fork. On appeal Mr. McClelland, Secretary of the Interior, sustained the Commissioner's ruling, but he referred the matter to the

Attorney General, Mr. Cushing, for his opinion. That officer rendered an opinion on the 29th day of May, 1856, in which he sustains the Secretary as a matter of law and fact, but suggests that in view of the former action of the department, approving the selections of land north of Raccoon fork, it would appear more consistent to follow that ruling. But Mr. McClelland declined to accept the suggestion, and on the 10th day of November, 1856, he refused to certify any more lands lying north of Raccoon fork. (See his letter to Reverdy Johnson, Attorney for Iowa, of that date.)

In January, 1849, the State created a Board of Public Works, money was expended in the River improvement, and lands were sold above as well as below Raccoon fork. In June, 1854, the State contracted with the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company to complete the improvement, estimated to cost \$1,300,000, for all the land then or thereafter to be certified under the act of August, 1846; but, when the Secretary of the Interior refused to certify any more lands, it declined to proceed farther with the improvement. Then a dispute arose between the State and the Company, which was finally settled in pursuance of a joint resolution of the legislature, approved March 22d, 1858, by the State conveying to the Company all the certified lands, including the list approved by Mr. Ewing, lying north of the Raccoon fork. Thereafter the work was abandoned.

Hence, it would seem that, from March 25th, 1856, the land department of the United States had continually denied the right of the State to any lands north of Raccoon fork, and claimed them as public lands. Mr. McClelland's ruling in effect annulled the certificate of his predecessor, which had been issued after a solemn adjudication of the same department against it. All this time the pioneers were occupying the land.

In May, 1856, Congress granted lands to Iowa, to aid in building four railroads across the State from east to west, on parallel lines. (*St. at large*, pp. 9-10.) Three of these roads cross the strip of land in question. This act reserves "such lands as had been reserved by competent authority to aid in any work of internal improvement within "the State," except a right of way over them. The Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad claimed the lands within its limits, and Litchfield, a grantee of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, sued the Railroad to quiet his title. The case came before the Supreme Court in 1859, and the court found for the defendant, holding that the plaintiff had no title because the grant of August 8th, 1846, under which he claimed title, did not extend above Raccoon fork, and the approval of selections north of that point were unauthorized and void. As we understand the case there was no adjudication of defendant's

title; yet, in the belief that it was upheld by the court, the lands in question were all selected and certified as railroad lands. The case referred to is reported in 23rd Howard, p. 66.

In March, 1861, Congress passed a joint resolution releasing to the State of Iowa all the title the United States still held in any of the lands which had been improperly certified and were held by *bona fide* purchasers from the State. (12 *Stat. at large*, p. 251.) And on the 12th day of July, 1862, Congress passed a bill extending the grant of August 8th, 1846, to the north line of the State, and provided therein for the selection of other lands in lieu of those lands to which the title had failed, and consenting to the application of a portion of the grant to aid in constructing a railroad along the river. (12 *Stat. at large*, p. 543.) Indemnity has been selected as provided in the bill, which has been confirmed to the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, by the act of Congress, approved March 3rd, 1871.

Perhaps an instance cannot be found where the title to so large a body of land was so much confused. The local taxes were not paid by any one; in some cases the lands were never assessed for taxation, and settlers, finding no one exercising public acts of ownership, knowing the claim of the government to the land and relying thereon, occupied and claimed it as pre-emptors, and the land department of the United States was selling it and issuing patents for it.

On the 9th day of May, 1868, the former action of the government was indorsed and confirmed by the ruling of Mr. Browning, Secretary of the Interior, in the case of Batten, a settler claiming the right to pre-empt his land of this class. In an able argument of the whole subject, the Secretary concludes that the lands are a portion of the public domain and subject to the homestead and pre-emption laws. (See his letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, May 9th, 1868, and also his subsequent rulings, and letters upon this subject.) Under this ruling, many settlers proved up and paid for their land, and others, unable to pay for their lands, filed declaratory statements in pre-emption or homestead. Many settlements were also made during 1868, in view of Mr. Browning's ruling. It is immaterial whether this ruling was palpably erroneous or whether it was unanswerable by any method of reasoning; it was, to those settlers not versed in the law, an invitation to them to take the land of the United States, the true owner. However, at the December term, 1869, in the case of *Welles vs. Riley*, the Supreme court held the reverse. Plaintiff was a grantee of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, and held the same title as Litchfield in the case in 23d Howard, 66, with the additional legislation of March, 1861, and July, 1862, and the defendant held title from the United States by patent dated in

1864. The court held the patent void, and defendant has been put out of possession. It is believed that this case adjudicates the question against all the settlers, inasmuch as they have the same title as that held by Mrs. Riley, and that a review or reversal of the case may not be hoped for. The railroads interested, still claim the land, and the matter is at present pending before the Supreme Court, in the case of *Baker vs. Jesse Williams*, on appeal from the Circuit Court of the district of Iowa. The decision in this case cannot effect the claim of the settlers. It can only change the adverse owners.

Such is the outline of the history of this vexed and vexing matter. The settlers have acted in perfect good faith. They relied upon the judgment of the executive officers and the patent facts, and it requires no argument to prove that their claim for relief is well founded. It appears, by the decision in the Welles-Riley case, that the withdrawal of the lands from sale in 1849, and the order of Mr. Young, reserving the lands from sale in 1849, segregated them from the body of public lands, and they were not, hence, subject to settlement by pre-emptor. It might well be contended that the act of Congress, approved March 3rd, 1853, (10 *St. at large*, p. 244,) was enacted solely for the benefit of such settlers, and that the subsequent legislation of 1861-2, could not prejudice the claims of any settler then upon the land, particularly those who had, before July 12, 1862, paid the United States for their land. It might also be contended, that the same power that reserved the land from sale had held that the reservation was unlawful; that the Supreme Court had also so decided in the case, 23d Howard, 66; and that the same department had revoked the order of reservation by its acts and declarations in the actual sale of these lands to settlers, and further, it might be urged that all the legislation and acts of the department were not sufficient to divest the United States of its title; and all of such arguments would appear logical and conclusive. In this light the settlers have acted, and the claim they make is not a myth put up for speculative or sympathetic purposes, but most of them have invested their last dollar in the purchase of their lands and rendering them fit homes for themselves and their families.

There can be no good reason shown why the nation shall not be amenable to the laws prescribed for the citizen when engaged in similar transactions. In the sale of the public lands, and all other matters of contract, the United States can have no greater rights or powers than a citizen may have in like matters. The patents of the government, the certificates of sale of the officers of the Land-Offices, are all covenants for a full title. In only one instance has the United States seen fit to apply the rule *caveat emptor* in the sale of the public lands, and that in the celebrated Yazoo case; yet after receiv-

ing pay for the land the title failed and the government bought the land for the use of the settler. The government has never dealt in spurious titles, but in cases where mistakes have been made in the sale of land, the purchasers have been relieved to their satisfaction. The nation, whose sympathy goes out to foreign countries to relieve one of its humble subjects whose rights are invaded, could ill afford to injure private citizens at home.

We need not urge the attachment of these pioneers for their homes, nor picture half a regiment of men who had faced death at the front, for the honor and integrity of the nation, with the nation's patent in their pockets, quietly turning their backs upon their homes at the mandate of an officer of the law. No such result should happen, yet it must and will unless the nation makes good its contracts, and quiets the titles it has made.

As to the method of relief we urge that *justice* should be done by this people, and we can think of no other just mode of settlement than that of purchasing the adverse title and confirming the settler's title upon the terms imposed by law. This has been the former action of the government in similar cases.

In 1814, Congress passed a bill to quiet title to certain lands in Mississippi. These lands had been sold by the United States by release or quit-claim only. In case of *Fletcher vs. Peck*, 7 Cranch, 166, the titles thus made were set aside, and an act was passed (*3rd Stat. at large*, p. 116,) appropriating \$5,000,000, which was paid to the owners of the adverse title by the United States and her quit-claim titles were confirmed to the settlers.

In 1820, Congress passed a similar bill for the relief of Philip Barbour, (*6th Stat. at large*, 236.)

In 1824, a case, in all respects like the one under consideration, came before Congress for settlement. The United States had sold to actual settlers, a large tract of land between the Little Miami and Sciota Rivers, in Ohio, which by the judgment in the Supreme Court, in case of *Doddridge's lessees, vs. Thompson and Wright*, (*9th Wheaton*, 469,) was not the property of the United States at the time of sale. Congress, realizing its duty to protect the settlers, passed an act, authorizing the President to find the value of the lands, and the terms upon which the owners would relinquish them to the United States. (*4th Stat. at large*, p. 70.) The owners agreeing to release to the United States, an appropriation was made to purchase the land. (*4 Stat. at large*, p. 405.) About \$80,000 was required in that case.

The report of the committee of the House, to whom the bill was referred, so nearly accords with our views, and is so well adapted to our cause, that we adopt it in toto as a far better argument than we can make.

Claims to land between the lines of Ludlow and Roberts, in Ohio, communicated to the House of Representatives, May 4, 1824.

Mr. Vance made the following report :

The committee, to which was referred a resolution inquiring into the expediency of granting relief to certain purchasers of the public lands lying between Ludlow's & Roberts's lines, in the State of Ohio, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following :

From a decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Doddridge's lessee against Thompson & Wright, it appears both parties claim under title derived from the United States. The plaintiff, under a warrant granted to one of the soldiers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, and the defendants under purchase directly from the Government, and under the laws regulating their general land system. In this case the court has decided in favor of the plaintiff, who derives his title under the Virginia warrant for military services for the recovery of about 700 acres; the defendants are liable to eviction, and entirely at the mercy of the successful party; and there yet remains 14,000 acres dependent on the same principle, and must be decided in the same way. This land is divided into small farms, generally in a high state of cultivation and improvement; owned by individuals in moderate circumstances, who are unacquainted with litigation, fearful of being dragged into a court of justice, at much expense, where no doubt can be entertained of their ultimate failure and defeat.

Your committee regret that the omission of the parties in not establishing the western line of the Virginia reservation prior to the sale of the public lands, should have rendered it necessary to legislate specially on this subject; but of such necessity there is no doubt, as every principle of justice and good faith requires an exertion on the part of the Government to quiet, in their possessions, persons who have expended their all in purchasing and improving lands for which they hold the warranty of the United States. Your committee are aware that all attempts on the part of the United States to quiet, in their possessions, the persons above alluded to, must fail, unless, in the spirit of mutual forbearance and good feeling, the persons claiming under Virginia military warrants, should have a disposition to compromise and settle this business on such terms as may be considered fair and equitable; and this, it is to be hoped, will be the fact, and may be effected so as to give mutual satisfaction to both parties.

Your committee can properly appreciate the local partialities of persons who have undergone every privation incident to the settlement of a new country, and the high estimate they must necessarily put on homes secured by an economy and industry unparalled in the history of any country, and for which no remuneration could be as acceptable as that of being continued unmolested in the enjoyment of property long considered by them as their own, and for which they have paid the Government a valuable consideration.

Your committee will not undertake to say what measure of damages would be proper to allow the occupants, provided no adjustment can be made between the Government and the claimants under Virginia military warrants, as the decisions throughout the United States are various; some States regulating by statutory provisions, and others adopting the common law principle of refunding the purchase money with interest; but they have no doubt, from previous legislation on this subject, that the most liberal allowances would be extended towards its citizens thus situated.

Your committee know of but one case where relief has been granted under similar circumstances, and that is an act in favor of the legal representatives of Philip Barbour, passed January, 1820. There the Government has acted with that liberality which has marked her policy throughout, by awarding damages agreeably to valuation. Your committee think the case presented for their consideration equally strong, and in their opinion no good reason can be assigned why equal liberality should not be extended.

Your committee know of no public lands sold under the conditions of refunding the purchase money with interest, in case of eviction, with the exception of those conflicting with the Yazoo claims; and there the purchaser was made acquainted with the nature and extent of the government's guarantee at the time of the sale.

Your committee are aware of the importance of the subject to them referred, and the different views that might be presented; but, as their object is brevity, they will content themselves with the submission of the before recited facts and deductions; and, for a more comprehensive view of the subject, they will call the attention of the House to the opinion of the Supreme Court, which they adopt as a part of their report. All of which is respectfully submitted, together with a bill for the relief of the said purchasers.

So, when a large portion of the land in New Madrid county, Missouri, was destroyed or damaged by an earthquake, the United States at once relieved its purchasers, thus sustaining damage to their entire satisfaction. (*3 Stat. at large*, 211.) We have no means of ascertaining the extent of the indemnity granted in that case, but find, from the act, that the owner of any land injured was entitled to select one hundred and sixty acres of public land elsewhere without cost.

We cite these instances (of which there are many similar ones) to show that in all cases heretofore the United States has made good the titles it has made, whether lost to the grantee by the mistake of man, or the act of Providence.

The lands in question, by the decisions and rulings at this time, belong principally to non-residents of our State, members and grantees of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, a part still remaining with the company, and are all held for sale. If, hence, the title should vest in the Railroad Companies, it would no doubt be held for sale also. It is occupied by settlers claiming tracts of forty to one hundred and sixty acres. Each is improved and in the same condition of cultivation as the adjacent lands. In many instances parties having patents have sold parts or all of their land, and the titles have been changed from hand to hand. The condition of these titles must be a great source of trouble, and result in great injustice to a worthy class of citizens in one locality unless some relief is granted. About four hundred suits are now pending for the recovery of these lands, all of which must be decided against the settler, thereby mulching him in

costs, while the thought of past privations in a new country and the comfortable home earned thereby, can only irritate and excite to resistance of law, the purest and best of our citizens.

We trust and pray you to grant this people that relief which will comport with justice and the honor and integrity of the nation.

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